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Deputy Costello
Dáil Eireann,
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Re: PQ 15932/20

**“To Ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time paediatric occupational therapists and speech and language therapists in CHO7 in 2019 and to date in 2020; and the number of vacant posts in CHO7 as of 1 July 2020”
Patrick Costello T.D.**

Dear Deputy Costello,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The following are the numbers of approved paediatric posts for Speech and Language Therapists (SLT) for CHO7:

	2019 – approved posts		1 st July 2020 – approved posts		1 st July 2020 total approved posts	Vacant 1 st July 2020
	Primary Care	Social Care	Primary Care	Social Care		
KWW	19.4	5	19.4	5	24.4	0
DSC	9.6	3	9.6	3	12.6	1
DSW	15.7	5	15.7	5	20.7	1.8
DW	12	10.5	12	10.5	22.5	3.5
Total	56.7	23.5	56.7	23.5	80.2	6.3

Table 1. Speech and Language Therapists

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The following are the numbers of approved paediatric posts for Occupational Therapy (OT) for CHO7:

	2019 – approved posts		1 st July 2020 – approved posts		1 st July 2020 total approved posts	Vacant 1 st July 2020
	Primary Care	Social Care	Primary Care	Social Care		
KWW	5	0	6	0	6	0
DSC	1.5	3	3	2	5	1(new OT commencing 27/7/20)
DSW	3	3	4	5	9	0
DW	3	7	4	8	12	0
Total	12.5	13	17	15	32	1

Table 2. OT posts

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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