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**Re: PQ – 2773/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the caseload per speech and language therapist for counties Louth and Meath in each of the years 2018 and 2019 and to date in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

	Caseload SLT in Co. Louth	Caseload SLT in Co. Meath
Dec 2018	102	133
Dec 2019	100	134
Feb 2020	96	114 (Jan 2020)

These figures are the average of caseload for that year, divided by number of actual WTE therapists available. In day to day running of our clinics caseloads are weighted as per complexity of client group, experience of therapist and where possible in line with best practice guidelines.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett  
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Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation