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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the decision of the HSE to curtail physiotherapy and occupational therapy services in County Mayo by the cancelling of agency contracts on 28 February 2020 despite the length of current waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare West face difficult challenges in 2020 meeting our budgetary targets, and in that context we have to align services provided with available resources.

On foot of this, eight agency staff will not have their contracts renewed in the short-term and a further sixty staff will not be replaced during the year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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