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Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh T.D.

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To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding audiologist consultations in view of the fact that on 1st October 2020 the waiting times for referrals were 79 weeks and 49 weeks for adults and children, respectively in County Mayo; the steps being taken to reduce this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

We have recently filled the vacant senior Audiology post for Mayo. We have also secured agency audiologist for the vacant staff grade post. This should increase the capacity and performance within the service.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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