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“To ask the Minister for Health if occupational therapists and speech and language therapists in Cheeverstown are being reallocated to track and tracing.”

- **Paul Murphy, TD**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

In the time of COVID infection, specifically the period from May to July, staff within Cheeverstown were reassigned to other roles as part of the organisations response to the COVID-19 infection. One speech therapist and one occupational therapist were assigned to the contact tracing team. Due to curtailed services for this time period because of national COVID surge, this was possible within the service. This was in keeping with HSE guidance and the HSE Policy and Procedure ‘Redeployment of Staff during COVID-19 Infection’ (April 2020). Therapists remained available to meet clinical requirements.

Clinical services continue in Cheeverstown, notwithstanding some changes to the delivery of supports in line with HSE Infection Prevention & Control guidance.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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