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Deputy Joe Carey
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Re.: PQ Ref: 18630/21 Speech Therapist for St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis, Co. Clare.

Dear Deputy Carey,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above: *“To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to recruit a Speech Therapist for St. Joseph’s Hospital, Ennis, Co. Clare; when this post is expected to be filled; the arrangements that have been put in place to offer Speech Therapy for patients while this post remains unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.*

I can advise that approval to recruit 0.5 WTE Senior Speech & Language Therapist for the Rehab Unit at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Ennis has recently been notified which will allow for the recruitment process to begin.

Unfortunately, it has proven difficult to fill a number of Senior Speech & Language Therapist posts as the national panel of Senior Speech & Language Therapists has been depleted. A recruitment campaign has been recommended to fill these vacancies as soon as possible on a permanent basis.

In the interim, we are progressing the recruitment of a Speech & Language Therapist through Agency, pending the holding of the competition to fill the post permanently.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to provide you with a more favourable response at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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