

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 19250/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in CHO4 that have been redeployed from early intervention and school age disability teams into assessment of needs posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Disability Services wish to advise that Assessment of Need (AON) has been deemed a Priority 1 (P1) essential service during COVID-19. Therefore, there has been no redeployment of clinical staff into Assessment of Need (AON) posts in CH04 from early intervention and school age disability teams. Any vacant posts filled this year have been done so from the general administrative panels.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



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