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Deputy Emer Higgins,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 19341/21 - "To ask the Minister for Health the details of the way in which alternative therapies used to treat speech and language difficulties such as music and equine therapies are certified; and if he will make a statement on the matter." - Emer Higgins

Dear Deputy Higgins,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 19341/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Speech and Language Therapists work within the scope and practice as outlined by CORU (Health and Social Care Professionals Council) and therefore may only use evidence based interventions. Alternative therapies such as music and equine therapies do not fall within this scope for Speech and Language Therapy and therefore would not be used by Speech and Language Therapists.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ Dunford', written over a light blue rectangular background.

TJ Dunford,
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