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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 624 of 5 October 2021, if the vacant occupational therapy roles have now been filled; the number of children currently awaiting occupational therapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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.

In Galway, two paediatric posts have been filled recently and another is due to be filled by the end of January 2022. The current waiting time for an appointment is approximately 58 weeks. The number of children waiting for a first appointment in Galway is 384.

In Roscommon, two Senior Occupational Therapists took up posts on the 13th December 2021 and are currently participating in an Induction Programme. Of the 2 remaining vacancies, both are being processed by Human Resources and National Recruitment respectively for filling. The new staff will start to address the existing open caseload and the waiting list in January 2022. This will see a reduction in the waiting list numbers and times in the new year. Agency staff continues to provide cover for the vacant posts and while induction is ongoing.

There are currently 103 children on the waiting list for a Paediatric Occupational Therapy assessment in Roscommon. The waiting time varies from 1 week to 18 months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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