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Mr Cathal Crowe TD
Dáil Eireann,
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RE: PQ 10460/21

To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is currently no occupational therapist in Ennis Hospital, and his plans to address the matter - Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that Occupational Therapy services currently take place at three of our hospitals.

Occupational Therapy is an emerging service in the acute hospital setting in the MidWest. Services began at University Hospital Limerick as the only Model 4 Hospital in the Group and have been expanded to Nenagh Hospital and St John's Hospital. We are proactively working to expand this service to Ennis Hospital. This expansion will be dependent on available resources.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer
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