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**Can you please detail all available services in County Roscommon for Occupational Therapy and Speech & Language Therapy for children.**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

#### **Roscommon Occupational Therapy Services**

Throughout the pandemic the Occupational Therapy Service has maintained a service for P1 children. Service level provision beyond P1 has been impacted by the National Framework levels, public health advice and staff availability. Priority 1 children and families include but are not limited to seating and positioning, hospital discharge, medically unwell children and those with moving and handling difficulties. We have used a range of treatment modalities including telehealth, attend anywhere, provision of therapy programmes and information to parents and face to face contact as appropriate.

#### **Roscommon Speech & Language Therapy Services**

Speech & Language Therapy in Primary Care has continued to offer a service to children throughout the pandemic. The service had been impacted by the redeployment of some staff and as a result Therapy provision has focused principally on P1 children. Service provision has included telehealth, Attend Anywhere, phone support and advice, therapy home programmes, advice and in person therapy sessions.

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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