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Deputy Joe Carey Francis Street Ennis Co. Clare

Re:. PQ Ref: 17350/21 Plans to reduce waiting lists, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Services, Co Clare.

Dear Deputy Carey,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above: "To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his plans to reduce the waiting lists for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy in Co Clare for all age groups and if he will make a statement on the matter".

I can advise that all Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy staff have returned from redeployment or have been backfilled. Services are open for face to face services. Telehealth and domiciliary services continue as appropriate.

Proposals have been submitted nationally to secure additional resources to address the increased waiting lists as a result of COVID-19. Services, within their resources have commenced to address waiting lists as staff have returned to their substantive posts.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Costello Head of Service Primary Care