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**Re: PQ 43866/21**

***To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a temporary replacement for a Speech and Language therapist who is currently on maternity leave and who works in Early Intervention Services for children with a disability in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

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**Dear Deputy Cahill,**

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare approved funding back in May 2021 to cover maternity leave for a full time Senior Speech and Language Therapist on the North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) for a period of one year.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Maurice Hoare  
Head of Service, Disability Services**