

30th December 2022

Pauline Tully T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 61319/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time adult speech and language therapists for adults with intellectual disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tully

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 table outlines the position.

The number of full-time adult speech and language therapists for adults with intellectual disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022	
Year	Number of Speech & Language Therapists
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0

In October 2021, approval was granted for one Senior Speech and Language Therapist post, for adults with an intellectual disability in Cavan and Monaghan.

A national panel was established for Senior Speech and Language Therapist posts in 2022. This post was expressed to the panel on 11/07/2022 and again on 22/7/2022. Confirmation was received from Human Resources, on 27/07/2022, that there had been no expression of interest in the post.

On the 17/08/2022, a request was made to re-grade this position as a Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist post and approval for same was granted on 07/11/2022. A bespoke recruitment campaign is required for this grade which will be progressed by the Human Resources department as soon as possible.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

Edel Quinn
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