

28th December 2022

Deputy Violet-Ann Wynne
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Email: Violet-Ann.Wynne@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ/62350/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question PQ 56720/22, the length of time that these vacancies have existed for; the stage of the recruitment process that they are at; when it is anticipated that they will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.


Dear Deputy Wynne,

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, which is linked to PQ 56720/ 22. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

| Grade | WTE | Stage of Recruitment |
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| Basic Grade Speech and Language Therapist | 1 | Post filled as of 28.11.2022 |
| Senior Grade Speech and Language Therapist (Special Schools Initiative) | 1 | This post will be offered out in early January 2023 to an existing local HSE Panel. Depending on interest from the panel, it is hoped that the post would be filled before the end of Quarter1, 2023. |
| Senior Occupational Therapist | 0.8 | This post is currently being covered by Agency. However approval has been received to increase the post from 0.8wte to 1wte and which will be offered out in early January 2023 to an existing local HSE OT Senior Panel. Depending on interest from the panel, it is hoped that the post would be filled before the end of Quarter1, 2023. |
| Senior Occupational Therapist (Special Schools Initiative) | 1 | This post will be offered out in early January 2023 to an existing local HSE Panel. Depending on interest from the panel, it is hoped that the post would be filled before the end of Quarter1, 2023. |

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Hoare".

Maurice Hoare
Head of Disability Services
HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare