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Mr Charles Flanagan T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question – 7312/22

To ask the Minister for Health if HSE staff who were redeployed to contact tracing and community testing during the Covid pandemic have now returned to their original posts with particular reference to speech and language and occupational therapists in the CHO8 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Charles Flanagan

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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 I outline the position as follows.

I have consulted with relevant colleague and can confirm that all Speech and Language and Occupational Therapists who were redeployed to community testing during the Covid Pandemic have now returned to their original posts.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation