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Ms. Kathleen Funchion T.D.  
Dail Eireann  
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**PQ 37234/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 798 of 20 June 2022, the number of the 3.51 children's disability network team speech and language therapist posts that are on secondment; the location to which they have been seconded; the date that they will return from secondment; if any of the 3.51 posts are currently operating as speech and language therapists either full-time or part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

I wish to confirm that there are no Speech and Language Therapy posts on secondment currently.

As per my recent correspondence to you (PQ 33821) the whole time equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) posts allocated to Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in Carlow is 3.51. However, due to a number of various unforeseen leave arrangements the SLT service is currently not at full capacity. It is expected that this situation should resolve itself in the coming weeks.

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

Yours sincerely,

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