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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: PQ 37247/22 – "To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to fill vacancies in primary care in counties Cavan and Monaghan for children who are waiting for occupational therapy, speech and language support and psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Smyth

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. I have examined the matter, and the following outlines the position

There is currently 1 senior vacancy in Occupational Therapy-Paediatric and 1 staff grade vacancy in Speech and Language Therapy-Paediatric in Cavan Monaghan Primary Care Services. We are actively trying to recruit for these positions.

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

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