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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 40219/22

To ask the Minister for Health in relation to Minister Rabbitte's engagement with the Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters on 12 July 2022, the timeframe involved in returning therapists to special schools and the validation of therapists into new schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Further to my response to PQ 32916/22 on 29/06/22, I can confirm that the HSE is continuing to engage with the Minister for Health, Minister of State for Disability, An Taoiseach and relevant Government Departments regarding the provision of on-site multidisciplinary supports in a number of special schools. This includes a group of special schools that previously had on-site multidisciplinary supports as well as six special schools established in 2021 and 2022.

The HSE has committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure that children attending these special schools can access appropriate supports as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

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