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## PQ 28591/22

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of occupational therapist posts assigned within the primary care services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 outlines the current position.

I can confirm the total number of Occupational Therapists in Primary care Wexford is 30.

Occupational Therapy staffing levels in Primary Care are increasing in line with National Care Programmes which in turn will reduce waiting times for clients in Co. Wexford in 2022.

There is also a plan to commence staff grade supplementary panel interviews in June/July once new graduates are available.

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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