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Deputy Martin Browne,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 15083/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient cancellations that have occurred in CHO5 and CHO3 to date in 2022 due to the fact that speech and language therapists have been reassigned; the reason for this; the figures by area.**

**- Martin Browne**

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Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 15083/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have checked with relevant colleagues in CHO 5 and 3 and have been advised as follows.

In CHO 3, no patient cancellations have occurred as none of the Speech and Language Therapists have been reassigned.

In CHO 5, the number of cancellations that have occurred in January and February 2022 is 184 and these have been mainly due to COVID 19 with either patients or speech and language therapists being sick or self-isolating. No Primary Care Speech and Language Therapists have been reassigned.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient, high quality therapy services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 205,214 children and adults seen by HSE community Speech and Language Therapy services

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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