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Deputy Martin Browne,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 15085/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the campaigns that are and have been underway to recruit speech and language therapists in CHO5 and CHO3 in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists that have been recruited in 2021 and to date in 2022 in each CHO area; and the details of recruitment campaigns currently underway and scheduled for these areas.

- Martin Browne

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 15085/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have checked with relevant colleagues in CHO 3 and CHO 5, the following outlines the position.

The table below outlines details for recruitment campaigns carried out in 2021 and those planned for 2022 in relation to Speech and Language Therapists in CHO 3 and CHO 5.

CHO 3	2021	2022
Speech and Language Therapist - Staff Grade	HBS09523 - National Panel Advertised: December 2020 Panel Go Live: 1st April 2021 HBS09523 - National Panel Advertised: December 2020, however 2021 graduates were not interviewed until they graduated. Panel Go Live: 3 rd November 2021	Campaign will be advertised within approximately one month by NRS



Speech and Language Therapist - Senior Grade	NRS10623 - Primary Care/Older Persons Adults Speech and Language Therapy Service CHO3 Advertised: 16 th September 2021 Panel Go Live: 17 th November 2021	No plans currently to run an additional campaign
Occupational Therapist – Staff Grade	HBS09522 – National Panel. Advertised: December 2020 Panel Go Live: 1st April 2021 HBS09522 – National Panel Advertised: December 2020, the 2021 graduates were not interviewed until they graduated. Panel Go Live: 5 th November 2021	Campaign will be advertised within approximately one month
Occupational Therapist – Senior Grade	There was no campaign in 2021.	Campaign will be advertised within approximately two weeks
CHO 5	2021	2022
Speech and Language Therapist - Staff Grade	In Carlow/Kilkenny and South Tipperary, there is one staff grade campaign due to interview in April/May	
Speech and Language Therapist - Senior Grade	In Wexford and Waterford, there is one senior panel campaign due to interview at the end of April/ beginning of May. This is a senior panel to fill adult posts. In Carlow/Kilkenny and South Tipperary, senior speech and language therapist campaign will be advertised in April/May	
Occupational Therapist – Staff Grade	In December 2021, there was a national staff grade campaign. CHO 5 Staff Grade Occupational Therapist campaign is included in recruitment plan for NRS to deliver.	
Occupational Therapist – Senior Grade	CHO 5 Senior Occupational Therapy campaign has been advertised and closed.	

The table below outlines the number of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists that have been recruited in 2021 and to date in 2022 in CHO 3 and CHO 5.



	Occupational Therapists	Speech and Language Therapists
CHO 3		
2021	12.8	8
To date in 2022	6	5
CHO 5		
2021	9.5	18.8
To date in 2022	19	16

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt
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