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Ms. Verona Murphy TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the current number of occupational therapist vacancies 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.

There are currently 9.6 WTE vacancies in Primary Care Occupational Therapy in the Wexford area. The HSE recently held senior panel interviews which will assist in filling these vacancies. 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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