

10th June 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 27201/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that occupational therapy is available in all primary care centres in County Cork."

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Forty Occupational Therapy Posts have been approved within the Enhanced Community Care - Community Healthcare Network programme. Thirty six of the forty posts are in place as of 08.06.2022.

Occupational Therapy Services are provided either in the Primary Care Centre or at the client's home depending on the nature of the need. Occupational Therapy is available either part-time or full time in all Primary Care Centres. Where there is not a designated therapist in a particular centre, a therapist will attend there when required according to service need.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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