

14th June, 2022

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref: 27526/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the return of therapists to special schools in Cork by special school in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

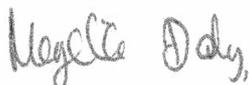
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Further to the ongoing concerns regarding children’s disability services, Minister Rabbitte has requested details of the health staff who were delivering dedicated services in special schools prior to reconfiguration of staff into CDNTs. This request applies to all CHO areas regardless of when CDNTs were established. It is acknowledged that collecting and verifying this information will be more challenging in some areas. In an effort to support accurate, reliable and consistent data collection a process has been developed for use in all CHO areas.

This gives the list of schools in each CHO to be contacted, in order to avoid duplication and ensure all special schools for children with disability are included. This information regarding the level of service in all special schools across the country is currently being collated. This information will inform the final submission to Minister Rabbitte who we understand will use this to inform a decision about allocation of health staff to special schools.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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