

24th November 2022

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A Speech and Language Therapist who provided services in the Achill area left the position in August 2021 and the post still has not been filled. To ask the Minister for Health when a speech and language therapist will be appointed to an area in County Mayo (details supplied).

Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) service in Achill will resume before the end of the year 2022. The SLT is currently in the process of booking a clinic room and anticipates being in Achill for two clinic days before year end.

The post was vacant due to redeployment during Covid-19, however service was still provided in Achill for initial assessments and long waiters through the SLT Waiting List Initiative service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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