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Mr. Matt Carthy, T.D,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 54029/22 *“To ask the Minister for Health the reason that speech and language therapy has not been available for in-patients at Monaghan Hospital in recent weeks; when such therapy services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy”*

Parliamentary Question 54030/22 *“To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent number of speech and language therapists for in-patients that have been available at Monaghan Hospital on the first day of each month from January 2020 to October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy”*

Dear Deputy Carthy,

TST he RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see below table outlining the number of Speech and Language Therapists (WTE) in Monaghan Hospital per month from January 2020 to September 2022:

Years	Calendar Year/Month	WTE
2020	Jan	1
	Feb	0.99
	Mar	1
	Apr	0.89
	May	1
	Jun	1
	Jul	1
	Aug	1
	Sep	1
	Oct	1
	Nov	1
	Dec	1
2021	Jan	1
	Feb	2
	Mar	2
	Apr	2.81
	May	3
	Jun	3
	Jul	3
	Aug	3

	Sep	3
	Oct	3
	Nov	2
	Dec	1.71
2022	Jan	1.42
	Feb	0.94
	Mar	1.81
	Apr	2
	May	3
	Jun	2.99
	Jul	3
	Aug	3
	Sep	1.99

Speech and Language Therapist posts in Monaghan Hospital increased in 2021 in line with increasing bed capacity in the Hospital.

Recruitment is in progress for replacement Speech and Language Therapist posts in Monaghan Hospital.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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