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Ms. Verona Murphy TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment of a senior speech and language therapist to the children's disability network team service 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 is the current position.

As with other areas disability services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. SECH continues to express posts out to current national panels and continues to prioritise local recruitment campaigns. A SECH campaign has recently concluded for Senior Speech and Language Therapists and a Staff Grade Speech and Language Therapist national campaign is currently underway. To date SECH have been unsuccessful in filling the senior SLT posts from the recent panel.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Anne Ennis
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