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RE: PQ Ref 7013/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 632 of 18 October 2022, to detail the number of appropriate placements and placements supports that are currently in place for students studying speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Pauline Tully.

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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The number of placements for students studying speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology are listed in the table attached.

In relation to supports, I can advise that trainee clinical psychologists are employees of the HSE for three years during their doctoral programmes and while undergoing placements. Current salary is €37,850 x 3 years. They also receive 60% towards the cost of their fees. There are no similar arrangements or supports applying to the other professions listed.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Profession	Number of placements/year*
Occupational Therapy (OT)	524
Physiotherapy (PT)	1,234
Speech & Language Therapy (SLT)	606
Psychology	<p>Clinical Psychology approx. 60 trainees/year</p> <p>Counselling Psychology approx. 14/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 450 hours supervised client contact • Placement experience over a minimum of 30 months based on at least two placement days per week <p>Educational + child Psychology 10-20/year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 full days practical experience in applied settings across health and educational settings, including minimum • 60 days supervised work experience in Child Disability care area and minimum • 60 days Child Psychology (HSE Primary Care or CAMHS) • 120-day placement in National Educational Psychology Service

* Based on average student intake/year