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Mr. Alan Kelly TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 1804/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists working in Cashel Hospital in the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

Speech and Language Therapy Cashel Rehabilitation unit		
Year	WTE	Funded by
2020	1	Primary Care
2021	1	Primary Care
2022	1 Jan – Oct 2022 0.4 Oct – Dec 2022	Primary Care
2023	0.4	Primary Care

Older Person Services are acutely aware of the need for dedicated resources across all Health and Social Care Professionals across South East Community Healthcare, in order to deliver timely and sustainable services. Older Person Services continue to seek the reallocation of resources from primary care in order to endeavour to continue service delivery. In this regard, options including the re-allocation of current resources specifically to Speech and Language services have been reconfigured with the addition to engage with outside agencies to provide SLT sessions.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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