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**To ask the Minister for Health if he will put plans in place to improve access to occupational therapy, speech therapy and social therapy at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe Carey**

Dear Deputy Carey,

The Health Service Executive 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.

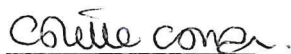
There is a recognised need for additional Allied Health Professionals in Ennis Hospital to ensure equity of access to these services across UL Hospitals Group. Plans are at an advanced stage to establish a full multidisciplinary team of Allied Health Professionals in Ennis Hospital in 2023 which will include:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Medical Social Work
- Additional Dietetics and Physiotherapy resources

Recruitment for these posts are currently underway and plans for the implementation of this team has commenced.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



**Prof Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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