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Deputy Brendan Smith, T.D
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RE: PQ ref 11155/23

To ask the Minister for Health when additional healthcare professionals (details supplied) will be recruited in view of long delays in children receiving appropriate therapeutic interventions and supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. I have examined the matter, and the following outlines the position.

In Cavan Monaghan Primary Care Children's services, we currently have the following approved staffing levels:

- 8 Occupational Therapist positions with 7 in the service and 1 vacancy
- 4 Physiotherapist positions with 4 in the service;
- 16.25 Speech and Language Therapist positions with 13.25 in the service and 3 vacancies;
- 2 Administration staff positions with 1 in the service and 1 vacancy;
- 9.8 Senior Psychologists across the two networks of Cavan and Monaghan with 3 staff grade posts currently vacant. Two Assistant Psychologists have recently been recruited to the Cavan network.

Please note that we have 8 vacant positions outlined above, all are currently in the recruitment process.

The HSE is actively recruiting for the vacancies across all disciplines. Whilst recruitment is ongoing there has been a deficit in the amount of people applying for many professional roles including those required for the delivery of our Children's Services.

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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