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Deputy Denis Naughten
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 21808/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant Speech & Language Therapy roles in Children's Primary Care Services in CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Naughten,

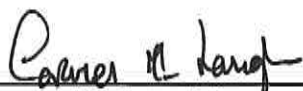
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that there are currently 5.6 WTE (Wholetime Equivalent) roles vacant across the Primary Care Paediatric Speech & Language Therapy Services in the HSE Mid West (CHO3) area.

I can further advise that of this total, 1.8 WTE is being currently backfilled through agency and a further 3.5 WTE is in the process of being backfilled via HSE Recruitment. Approval has been sought to backfill the remaining 0.3 WTE vacant role.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,



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