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Mr. Denis Naughten T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 21813/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8 ; 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 the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Regarding the number of vacant speech and language therapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO8, please be advised that:

- In Longford/Westmeath, in East Westmeath Network 7 there is 1 whole time equivalent (wte) Staff SLT vacant and in Longford Central Westmeath Network 8, there is 0.6 wte Senior SLT vacant
- In Louth/Meath, in North Meath/Ardee, there is 1wte Staff Grade, in Central Meath there are 3wte Staff Grade and in South Louth & Bettystown there is 1wte Senior
- In Laois/Offaly, there is currently 1 wte vacant speech and language therapy role in children's primary care services. Unfortunately, to date, we have been unable to recruit into this post.

We will continue our efforts to link with the HSE national recruitment services and healthcare agencies in order to fill these vacancies.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Broadbank'.

Carole Broadbank
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