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Mr. Denis Naughten T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 21842/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational 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 submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

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

- In Longford/Westmeath, there is currently 1 Senior Occupational Therapist post vacant in Longford Central Westmeath Network 8.
- In Louth/Meath, in Central Meath there is 1 whole time equivalent (wte) Staff Grade vacant, in East Meath there is 1wte Staff Grade vacant, in North Louth there are 0.7wte Senior Grade vacant and 1.0 Staff Grade vacant and in South Louth & Bettystown there are 1.0wte Staff grade vacant and 0.5 wte Senior vacant.
- In Laois/Offaly, there are currently 5 vacant wte occupational therapy roles in children's primary care services. Unfortunately, to date, we have been unable to recruit into these posts.

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'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Carole Broadbank
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