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To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE posts filled and unfilled, respectively in south Tipperary primary care services, broken down by discipline for physiotherapy, occupational therapist, speech and language therapy, psychology, dietician, audiology and ophthalmology and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following table outlines the current position.

South Tipperary WTE - filled and unfilled - all patients

Service	Posts Filled	Unfilled
Physiotherapy	26.79	7.5
Occupational Therapist,	17.6	2.4
Speech and Language Therapy	22.3	5
Psychology	9.8	1
Dietician	3	4
Audiology	2.4 *	
Ophthalmology	1.0	1

^{* 1.0} Audiologist based in 5th Tipp + 1.4 sessional from Ferrybank (0.6) /UHW (0.8)

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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