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Ms Catherine Connelly, TD
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RE: PQ20082/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 187 of 5 March 2025, if the information on staffing shortfalls at the HSE Galway community audiology service can now be provided; if the posts have now been filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connelly

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

The Community Audiology service covers Galway, Mayo and Roscommon and has a current whole time equivalent compliment of 12.44 clinical staff.

There are 3 vacant posts, recruitment to these posts is subject to the HSE pay and numbers strategy.

There is a National tender currently in process to identify additional Audiological capacity for the assessment of children above 4 years of age.

Additionally, the Department of Health Hearing Strategy Working group is looking at options to improve access to timely audiology services for adults and children on a sustainable basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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