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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1200 of 22nd January 2025, the date on which the relevant posts entered maternity leave, in tabular form; the date on which maternity cover was first advertised; and the timeframe for the filling of posts.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Primary Care Services

As outlined previously (PQ 46903/25) 2.15 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapy posts were required for maternity leave cover in 2025. Of these 1.35 WTE are due to commence maternity leave in 2025. The applications for these posts will be submitted as appropriate for review in accordance with the HSE Human Resources Recruitment approval process. The remaining .8WTE post holder is currently on statutory leave.

Disability Services

The .80 WTE post entered maternity leave in December 2024. The application will be submitted for review in line with HR Recruitment approval process.

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

Yours sincerely,

Paul Goff
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