



10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Deputy Eoin Hayes, TD.  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re ref: PQ ref 37113/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health when the approval to backfill recruit two WTE senior speech and language therapists will be given to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 14 in order that the recruitment process can begin to ensure the roles are filled for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Hayes,

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

Under our current requirement to work within our existing approved pay and headcount, I confirm these roles will be replaced as soon as practical. We are proactively working on replacement plans to maintain the language classes in the Good Shepherd National School.

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

Yours sincerely,

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