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Mr. Pádraig Rice, TD

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**PQ 42502/25 (Health) – To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapy posts offered to graduates in each of the past five years; the percentage that were full-time 1.0 WTE and the percentage that were below 1.0 WTE, in tabular form. - Pádraig Rice**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The table below reflects the number of roles filled at staff grade SLT level over the past 5 years through the National Recruitment Service. The total was 697 of which 665(95%) were full-time 1.0 WTE and 32(5%) were less than 1.0 WTE.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
0.30				1				1
0.40				1	1			2
0.50	2		10	4	4	1		21
0.60		1						1
0.70			1					1
0.75		1						1
0.80			1	1	1			3
0.86					1		1	2
1.00	63	127	137	143	118	34	43	665
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>697</b>

This information does not specifically refer to graduates however, the majority of applicants for staff grade (Entry Level) roles were recent graduates. Whilst the question refers to 'offers' each opportunity/role are offered to multiple candidates and therefore we cannot provide this information.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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