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Deputy Paul Murphy  
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**PQ ref 10864/25** - To ask the Minister for Health if she will instruct her department to urgently recruit a speech therapist for the Ballyboden primary care centre; if she will add additional resources to clear the current backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that the Speech and Language Therapy service based in Ballyboden Primary Care Centre is experiencing a significant shortage of Therapy staff. Unfortunately, the service for both Adults and Children has been suspended temporarily, due to the inability of the service to meet the demand within its current capacity. Currently, the recruitment of two senior Speech and Language Therapists for both the paediatric and adult services is underway.

Dublin South City & West, Dublin South West Kildare & West Wicklow Integrated Healthcare Areas are working to address the impacts staff vacancies. The HSE continue to review service needs and prioritise services for recruitment in line with the HSE's Pay and Numbers strategy. Every effort will be made to improve access and reduce waiting lists for the local population in line with this strategy.

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

Yours sincerely,

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