



12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dr Martin Daly, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ44630/25**  
**To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language**  
**Therapists by grade based at Ballaghaderreen primary care centre in the years of**  
**2023, 2024 and to date in 2025 in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Daly

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 level of Speech & Language Therapy staffing in Ballaghaderreen Primary Care Centre has varied in recent years due to turnover of staff and the overall staffing in the service.

We would aim for 3 to 4 days per week. It is currently at 5 days per week to reduce the waiting times in the clinic. Staffing may then be reassigned to reduce waiting areas in other parts of the service.

Year	Staff Grade SLT	Senior SLT
2023	0.4 WTE	0.4WTE
2024	0.2 WTE (Feb – May) 0.4 WTE (June – Dec)	0.4 WTE
2025	0.4 WTE (Jan) 0.6 WTE (Feb – Current)	0.4 WTE

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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**Seamus Beirne**  
**Head of Primary Care Services**  
**Galway, Mayo & Roscommon**