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Deputy John Lahart
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 44932/25 - To ask the Minister for Health when the post of occupational therapist in a primary care centre Ballyboden will be filled; the progress she is making in doubling the number of places in high-demand healthcare professions including occupational therapy as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to 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 unfortunately there is no Paediatric Occupational Therapist post in Community Healthcare Network Rathfarnham, Knocklyon and Ballyboden. The Dublin South West Integrated Healthcare Area are working to address this issue and 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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