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RE: PQ51500/25
SLT Loughrea

Dear Deputy Dolan,

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.

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the SLT service in Loughrea.

The Senior Speech and Language Therapist covering the Loughrea area commenced maternity leave in July 2025. Approval to backfill this post has been granted by the HSE; however, despite efforts, it has not yet been possible to recruit a suitable replacement. A local recruitment campaign is currently underway. It is hoped that following this campaign, the post in Loughrea will be successfully filled. A panel will also be formed in order to fill future Senior SLT vacancies that may arise.

New referrals are being monitored, and the SLT Manager is responding to any urgent queries.

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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