Speech & Language Therapist, Senior  Grade Code 3379

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as a Speech & Language Therapist, Senior in the HSE.

1. **Statutory Registration, Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

(a) Candidates for appointment must:

(i) Be registered as a Speech & Language Therapist by the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU

Or

(ii) Applicants who satisfy the conditions set out in Section 91 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005, (see note 1 below*), must submit proof of application for registration with the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU. The acceptable proof is correspondence from the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU confirming their application for registration as a Section 91 applicant.

And

(iii) Have 3 years full time (or an aggregate of 3 years full time) post qualification clinical experience.

And

(iv) Candidates must have the requisite knowledge and ability (including a high standard of suitability and professional ability) for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

2. **Annual registration**

(i) Practitioners must maintain annual registration on the Speech & Language Therapists Register maintained by the Speech & Language Therapists Registration Board at CORU.

And

(ii) Confirm annual registration with CORU to the HSE by way of the annual Patient Safety Assurance Certificate (PSAC).

3. **Age**

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

4. **Health**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.
5. **Character**

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

**Date:** February 2018

**Note 1**: 

**Section 91 candidates** are individuals who qualified before the 31st October 2014 and have been engaged in the practice of the profession in the Republic of Ireland for a minimum of 2 years fulltime (or an aggregate of 2 years fulltime), between 31st October 2009 and 30th October 2014.

*This criteria will expire on 30th September 2018.*