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**Re PQ ref 18509/22: "To ask the Minister for Health when additional resources will be provided to deal with the unacceptable waiting list for hearing aid assessment and fitting services in counties Cavan and Monaghan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

The Audiology Service was impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic which led to increased waiting times for Audiology appointments. Audiology appointment times are in line with the national standardised times for Audiology clinics and staff are working at full capacity.

The Audiology Service has been given funding through the National Audiology program, for a two year Specified Purpose Contract for a Staff Grade Audiologist. Once this post is filled, the new staff member will work across the Cavan/Monaghan/Louth area to target the longest waiting lists.

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

Yours sincerely,

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