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Mr Matt Carthy TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ ref 26201/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in addressing the backlog of audiology appointments in counties Cavan and Monaghan.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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

There are three Audiologists who work in Louth, Cavan and Monaghan Audiology. Two cover the adult service and one covers the paediatric service. The Audiology service has nationally agreed appointment times. The clinic schedule is set up using these agreed appointment times to ensure maximum use of clinical time and thus maximum number of appointments offered.

The Audiology Team are working to maximum capacity however the large backlog created during the pandemic has not been eroded. A staff grade Audiologist post was approved for a period of two years, last week and has been offered out to the National Staff Grade Audiologist panel for appointment. When this post is filled we expect the additional capacity to reduce the waiting times for access to the service.

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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