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To ask the Minister for Health if he could outline the HSE's recruitment plan to address the shortfall in occupational therapists in Sligo/Leitrim; when they expect to employ a full-time occupational therapists to work in the Sligo town area in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Feighan

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Primary Care Services

Currently, there are two vacant Staff Grade Adult Occupational Therapy (OT) posts in the Community Healthcare Network (CHN) in Sligo/ South Donegal, one of which is vacant on a temporary basis. The staff member will return to work from leave to the temporary vacant post early in 2025.

There are no vacant OT posts in Primary Care Services in Leitrim/ West Cavan CHN.

The Integrated Healthcare Area has been actively working to fill posts via Agency conversion, new Development Posts and vacancies arising in 2024 from retirements, resignations and promotions, in the context of the agreed Pay and Numbers Strategy for 2024 and WTE limits applicable to the HSE west and northwest region. The service is continuing to examine opportunities to prioritise recruitment to the above grades in this context and in order to respond to the needs of the population.

Older Persons Services

Currently, in Older Persons Services in Sligo Leitrim, there are three temporarily vacant Occupational Therapy (OT) posts which are based in the following locations listed below:

- One Senior O.T. post in St. John's Community Hospital, Sligo.
- One Senior O.T. post in the Integrated Care for Older Persons, in Leitrim.
- One Staff Grade O.T. post in the Memory Technology Support Service, in Leitrim.



The HSE West/North West Region has been provided with its own specific number of WTE's and we can, within the approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately. The delivery of services must be delivered within the allocated funding and the resources available.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mandy Doyle'.

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