

16th October, 2024

Deputy Marian Harkin
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

PQ ref. 39773/24

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the numbers of speech and language therapists employed in counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal for the years 2020 to 2024 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Harkin

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.

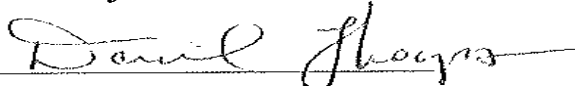
I have examined the matter and the table below provides a breakdown of the number of Whole Time Equivalent Speech and Language Therapists employed in counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal from the years 2020 to 2024 (to date).

No. of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapists in Sligo, Leitrim and South Donegal from 2020 to 2024 (to date)							
Year	Sligo University Hospital	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services	Children's Disability Services	Adult Disability Services	Primary Care Services (Paediatric & Adult service)	Social Care	Total
2020	2.6	1	6	3	10.2	1.4	24.2
2021	3.6	2	7.8	2	14	1.4	30.8
2022	4.6	2	7.8	2	14	1.4	31.8
2023	5.6	2	7.6	2	14	1.4	32.6
2024	4.2	2	7.6	2	7	1	23.8

No. of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapists in Co. Donegal from 2020 to 2024 (to date)								
Year	Inishowen	North	East	South & West	LUH	CAMHS	Disabilities	Total
2020	5	8	3	6	3	1	0	26
2021	4	8	3	6	4	2	0	27
2022	3	7	2	5	5	2	0	24
2023	3	9	6	6	5	2	2	33
2024	3	8	5	6	4	1	1	28

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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