

25th January, 2024

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 54819/23

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE staff in each of the Cork CDNTs and the number considered a full cohort by role, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply 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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) has fourteen Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT) across the Cork and Kerry region delivering services to children within their specific geographical location. The following table provides a summary of the posts for the eleven Cork CDNT’s.

Table 1. Summary Table – Overall Approved and Filled posts within Cork CDNTs

CHO 4 - CDNT's - Cork			
Discipline	Total Approved WTE	Total WTE in place	Total WTE Vacant
Children's Disability Network Managers	11.00	10.80	0.20
Physiotherapy	28.32	17.80	10.52
Occupational Therapy	47.72	33.52	14.20
Speech & Language Therapy	56.98	39.37	17.61
Psychology	38.49	23.91	14.58
Social Workers	25.35	20.05	5.30
Nursing	11.61	8.31	3.30
Dietitians	2.50	1.50	1.00
Family Support	8.72	6.67	2.05
Other Support	8.48	7.48	1.00
Administration	20.20	15.90	4.30
Therapy Assistants*	12.50	0.65	11.85
Grand Total	271.87	185.96	85.91

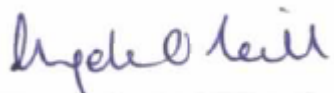
*This figure includes 5 Therapy Assistant posts allocated to CKCH in Q3/Q4 2023 that are yet to be assigned to CDNT’s. The initial allocation of 7.5 Therapy Assistant posts have been allocated to specific CDNTs.

The detail breakdown by CDNT is provided as an appendix to this response..

Each CDNT is managed by a lead agency. The agencies managing the Cork teams; Brothers of Charity, CoAction West Cork, COPE Foundation, Enable Ireland and St Joseph's Foundation are working with the HSE to recruit staff for all vacant posts on an on-going basis. A targetted national CDNT recruitment campaign coordinated by the HSE commenced in December 2023. Applications received through this campaign are currently being shortlisted for interview.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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