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## PQ 55646/23

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to outline the current vacancies in the CDNT in Mayo; to outline the impact this is having on service delivery; to outline how this matter can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

## Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ 55646/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and due for response on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "the current vacancies in the CDNT in Mayo; to outline the impact this is having on service delivery; to outline how this matter can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position at the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

	CDNT 1	CDNT 2	CDNT 3
Occupational Therapists	2	2	0
<b>Speech &amp; Language Therapists</b>	2	0	1.5
Physiotherapists	2	0	1.81
Psychologists	1.5	0	2
Nursing	0	0	0.5
Behaviour Therapist	1	1	0
Social Worker	2	1	0.8

The above are noted as permanent or specific purpose vacancies on the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in Mayo at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. All avenues to recruit and retain staff on the CDNTs are being explored as a top priority. This includes and is not limited to; agency filling of posts, international recruitment, derogation of staff to CDNTs, approval of staff to increase WTE if available and national HR recruitment drives.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

General Manager

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