

4th March, 2024

Ms. Holly Cairns, TD.,
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PQ ref 52718/23

“To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all vacancies for intellectual disability nursing positions in CHO4; the locations of the vacancies; and the impact of the HSE recruitment freeze on the filling of these positions.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

The HSE has a derogation process in place for the approval of key frontline positions in disability services. This includes nursing positions within the HSE and Section 38 organisations. The recruitment pause does not affect Section 39 agencies. The table below provides details of the current vacancies for Intellectual Disability Nursing posts in Cork and Kerry.

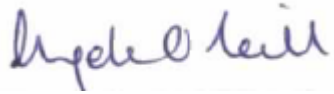
The HSE and its Section 38 and Section 39 Lead Agencies are operating in a very competitive global market for healthcare talent as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals across the globe.

Table 1: Vacant Intellectual Disability Nursing Posts CHO4

Name of Service	Location of Vacant ID Nursing Posts	Vacant WTE	Recruitment Situation
HSE	St Raphael's Centre, Youghal, Cork	7	All posts been processed for recruitment
St John of Gods	Tralee & Beaufort, Co. Kerry	17.05	All posts in recruitment process or awaiting derogation at present
Brothers of Charity	Lota Glanmire, Garrettstown & Upton	11.05	All posts been processed for recruitment
Enable Ireland	Adult & Children Services, Cork	3	All posts been processed for recruitment
Kerry Parents & Friends	Residential Kerry	2.49	0.5 WTE in recruitment process, 1.99 unable to fill
Total		40.59	

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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