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PQ 8872/24 "To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention at a centre (details supplied)."

Paul Donnelly, TD

DETAILS SUPPLIED: Blakestown Children's Disability Network Team

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Blakestown Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) has a total caseload of 757 Children, as of 1st March 2024. There are 429 children are on the waiting list and 328 children are on the open caseload.

Blakestown CDNT have a total of 27.3 Whole-time equivalent (WTE) posts allocated to the team. Currently the CDNT have 18.5 WTE staff in position. 15.6 WTE are clinical positions and the remaining 2.9 WTE is Management and Administration positions. Whole-time equivalent (WTE) is a unit of measurement that indicates the workload of an employed person in a way that makes workloads comparable across various contexts and is not always represented in whole numbers.

Regretfully, the CDNTs are experiencing challenges in regards to recruitment and retention of key health services staff. CHO DNCC Disability Services in conjunction with all lead agencies in the area continue to try and increase capacity within our CDNTs. Every effort is being made to address this matter and there are ongoing local and international recruitment campaigns for all staff grades.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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