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PQ 8873/24 “To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE social workers and dietitians attached to a centre (details supplied) in each of the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.” **Paul Donnelly, TD**
DETAILS SUPPLIED: Blanchardstown 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.

The following information in regards to Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Blanchardstown Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) is the latest data and accurate as of 1st March 2024.

	2022	2023	2024
Social Worker	2 WTE	2 WTE	2 WTE
Dietician	0.5 WTE (Vacant)	0.5 WTE (Vacant)	0.5 WTE (Vacant)

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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