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CABHÁN DÚN NA NGALL LIATROIM MUINEACHÁN SLIGEACH
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Marc MacSharry T.D.
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ ref 28255/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when a physiotherapist vacancy for children with mild to severe disabilities in County Leitrim will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy MacSharry

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly 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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The Leitrim West Cavan Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) has advised that the recruitment of a suitably qualified candidate to fill the vacant post of Physiotherapist continues to be a priority for the Leitrim West Cavan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) and the CH CDLMS Human Resources (HR) department.

Despite recruitment campaigns and conducting interviews on two separate occasions, a suitably qualified and experienced candidate has yet to be identified. The process of re-advertising the vacant post is underway and the CH CDLMS HR department and Leitrim West Cavan CDNT is committed to completing the recruitment process as soon as possible.

You will be aware that there are workforce challenges being experienced in the health and social care sector nationally with physiotherapy being one of the disciplines that is in short supply.

Recognising the urgent needs of the children and families affected by the vacant physiotherapy position, Leitrim West Cavan CDNT has progressed a locum arrangement with a private physiotherapist in order to support children on its caseload with priority one physiotherapy needs. This interim measure ensures that those children most in need, based on clinical prioritisation, will continue to receive a therapeutic service.

The HSE, CH CDLMS Disability Services and Leitrim/West Cavan CDNT are very aware of the impact the vacancy is having on children on the Leitrim CDNT caseload and regrets that at this time it cannot deliver the service it would wish to. Families will be



updated via the Family Forum and communications from the Leitrim West Cavan CDNT regarding recruitment ongoing.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written in a cursive style.

Edel Quinn
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