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Re: PQ 28937/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number and location of therapist posts, including Speech and Language Therapist, Psychological and others appointed to Special Schools within CHO3, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kelly

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 Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

As requested on the attached page I have listed the number and location of therapist posts, including Speech and Language Therapist, Psychological and others appointed to Special Schools within CHO3, in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary O'Malley", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary O'Malley
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Special Schools Therapy Posts and Locations

2022

Team	Blackberry	Clare	East Limerick	North Tipperary	South City	Treehouse	West Limerick	Totals WTEs
Location	No Service to Special Schools	No Service to Special Schools	No Service to Special Schools	No Service to Special Schools	Mid-West School for the Deaf	Redhill	Nano Nagle North Kerry & Holy Family School Charleville	
OT	0	0	0	0	0	1.0 WTE	0.2 WTE	1.2 WTE
Physiotherapy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2 WTE	0.2 WTE
Psychology	0	0	0	0	0	1.0 WTE	0	1.00 WTE
SLT	0	0	0	0	0.4 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.1 WTE	1.5 WTE
Social Worker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0.4 WTE	3.0 WTE	0.5 WTE	3.9 WTE

2023

Team	Blackberry	Clare	East Limerick	North Tipperary	South City	Treehouse	West Limerick	Totals WTEs
Location	Catherine McAuley School Limerick	St. Anne's/St. Clare's Special Schools, Ennis	St. Vincent's Special School, Lisnagry	St Anne's Roscrea	Mid-West School for the Deaf	Redhill	Nano Nagle North Kerry & Holy Family School Charleville	
OT	0.9 WTE	1.0 WTE	0	0.4 WTE	0	1.0 WTE	0.2 WTE	2.6 WTE
Physiotherapy	0.4 WTE	0	0	0.3 WTE	0	0	0.2 WTE	0.9 WTE
Psychology	0.8 WTE	1.0 WTE	0	0.2 WTE	0	1.0 WTE	0	3.0 WTE
SLT	1.5 WTE	0	1.0 WTE	0.3 WTE	0.4 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.1 WTE	4.2 WTE
Social Worker	0.4 WTE	0	0.5 WTE	0.2 WTE	0	0	0	1.1 WTE
TOTAL	4.0 WTE	2.0 WTE	1.5 WTE	1.4 WTE	0.4 WTE	3.0 WTE	0.5 WTE	12.8 WTE

2024 to date

Team	Blackberry	Clare	East Limerick	North Tipperary	South City	Treehouse	West Limerick	Totals WTEs
Location	Catherine McAuley School Limerick	St. Anne's/St. Clare's Special Schools, Ennis	St. Vincent's Special School, Lisnagry	St Anne's Roscrea	Mid-West School for the Deaf	Redhill	Nano Nagle North Kerry & Holy Family School Charleville	
OT	0.9 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.6 WTE	0.4 WTE	0	1.0 WTE	0.2 WTE	4.1 WTE
Physiotherapy	0.4 WTE	1.0 WTE	0	0.3 WTE	0	0	0.2 WTE	1.9 WTE
Psychology	0.8 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.5 WTE	0.2 WTE	0	1.0 WTE	0.1 WTE	3.6 WTE
SLT	1.5 WTE	1.0 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.3 WTE	0.4 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.1 WTE	5.3 WTE
Social Worker	0.4 WTE	1.0 WTE	0.5 WTE	0.2 WTE	0	0	0	2.1 WTE
TOTAL	4.0 WTE	5.0 WTE	2.6 WTE	1.4 WTE	0.4 WTE	3.0 WTE	0.6 WTE	17.0WTE