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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE positions filled in each of the twelve CDNTs across CHO5 as a result of the recruitment drive ending January 2024, by each individual team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The following table sets out the number of WTE positions filled in each of the twelve CDNTs across CHO 5 as a result of the recruitment drive ending January 2024:

CDNT	Post	Status	Start Date	National/Local Recruitment
Network 9 Gorey	Basic Psychologist	In post	29/01/2024	National
Network 10 Wexford	CDNM	In post	08/04/2024	Local
Network 10 Wexford	Basic Social Worker	In post	19/02/2024	National
Network 11 Enniscorthy	Basic Social Worker	In post	22/01/2024	National
Network 7 North Waterford	Basic Social Worker	In post	08/04/2024	National

As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. SECH continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledge that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are particularly stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

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

Yours sincerely,



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