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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, broken down 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 below table sets out the number of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 1 Carlow:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	0.80
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	1.00
Senior Dietician	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	2.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1.71
Social Worker Basic	1.00
Senior Social Worker	1.00
Total	9.51 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 2 Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.00
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	0.83

Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	1.00
Senior Psychologist	0.80
Speech & Language Therapist Basic	2.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	0.80
Senior Social Worker	0.90
Total	9.33 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 3 Enable Ireland Kilkenny:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.00
CDNM	1.00
Senior Dietician	1.20
Nursing	1.00
Occupational Therapist Staff Grade	2.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	3.38
Senior Physiotherapist	1.79
Psychologist Basic Grade	2.00
Senior Psychologist	1.80
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.20
Senior Social Worker	0.77
Total	18.14 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 4 Cashel:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.82
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	0.50
Occupational Therapist Staff Grade	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.79
Senior Physiotherapist	0.60
Senior Psychologist	1.60
Speech & Language Therapist Basic	1.00
Senior Social Worker	0.63
Total	9.94 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 5 Clonmel:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.60
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	1.00
Occupational Therapist Staff Grade	1.00

Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1.00
Social Worker Basic	1.00
Senior Social Worker	1.00
Total	8.60 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 6 Dungarvan:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.40
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	2.00
Senior Psychologist	1.18
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1.80
Social Worker Basic	1.00
Senior Social Worker	0.80
Total	11.18

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 7 South City Waterford:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	2.35
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	0.64
Occupational Therapy Staff Grade	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	0.60
Senior Psychologist	2.14
Speech & Language Therapy Basic	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.00
Senior Social Worker	1.00
Total	12.73 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 7 North City Waterford:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	2.00
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	2.00
Senior Physiotherapist	1.87
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.00
Social Worker Basic	1.00
Total	10.87 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 8 New Ross:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	0.80
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	0.70
Senior Psychologist	0.60
Senior Social Worker	1.00
Total	4.10 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 9 Gorey:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	1.00
CDNM	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	0.50
Psychologist Basic Grade	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1.00
Total	5.50 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 10 Wexford:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	0.80
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	0.80
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	1.40
Senior Psychologist	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.00
Social Worker Basic Grade	1.00
Senior Social Worker	1.00
Total	10.0 WTE

No of WTE positions filled in CDNT Network 11 Enniscorthy:

Post Filled	WTE
Administration	2.00
CDNM	1.00
Nursing	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.00
Senior Physiotherapist	0.80
Senior Psychologist	1.00

Speech & Language Therapist Basic	2.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	1.00
Social Worker Basic Grade	1.00
Senior Social Worker	2.00
Total	12.8 WTE

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. South East Community Healthcare continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are 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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