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Mark Ward TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 22166/24

Re: "To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reason no social worker is employed in the Clondalkin community disability network team; when this position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

- Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the Children's Disability Network Team - CRC Clondalkin examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

In response to your question, CDNT Clondalkin has an allocation of two Senior Social Workers. One staff member is on leave since August 2023 and the other Social Worker resigned in April 2024. The CRC is working tirelessly to recruit and is currently shortlisting potential candidates. We are also engaging with a private agency who is continuing to screen potential candidates. CDNT Clondalkin also has an agreement in place with regards to support in relation to Designated Liaison Person cover from social work in our Clontarf base. This cover is for child welfare and child protection cases.

Please be assured that CRC is committed to filling all our vacancies.

If there is anything further we can assist with please do not hesitate to contact me.

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I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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