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PQ 23030/24 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of professional vacancies for the CDNT services in CHO9, broken down by each speciality, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” Alan Farrell, TD*

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The following table provides an overview of vacant roles within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT’s). The figures provided are Whole Time Equivalent (WTE). This information was collected in the Staff Census in October 2023.

Network	Occupational Therapist		Speech and Language Therapist		Physiotherapist		Psychologist		Social Worker	
	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE
Balbriggan	5	1.2	4.6	3	5.4	3.4	2.6	2.6	4.2	3
Swords	5.5	2	5.53	2.7	3	1	4.52	1.99	2.33	0.2
Coastal	3.25	2.25	3.05	0.45	2.75	0.75	2.6	1	2.6	0.1
Coolock	2	1	3	0	2	1	3	0	2	1
Kilbarrack	4.6	2.4	4.05	0.45	3.35	1.7	5.8	2.6	4	0
Finglas	2.9	1	4	1.1	2.46	1.3	4	1	4.5	2
NIC	2	0	2	0	2.33	0	3	0	2	0
Ballymun	2.6	0	4.45	2.25	2.06	0.5	2.6	0	3	1
Cabra and Grangegorm	4.5	1.5	5.5	2.5	4	1.2	5	2	3	0
Clontarf	4	0	4.96	2.46	4	2	3.33	0.33	2.1	0.6
Blanchardstown	5.5	0	5	0.4	2	0	4.85	1.2	2	0
Blakestown	5	3	6	3.2	3.5	1	4.8	4	2.3	0.25
Totals	46.85	14.35	52.14	18.51	36.85	13.85	46.1	16.72	34.03	8.15

While there may be some fluctuation in WTE per discipline or role since October 2023, the current recruitment picture is similar to the time of the census with a net gain of two WTE across the 12 CDNT's.

CHO DNCC Disability Services in conjunction with all lead agencies (St Michael's House, Central Remedial Clinic, Avista) in the area continue to endeavour to increase capacity within CDNTs and there are ongoing local and international recruitment campaigns for all staff grades

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Olive Hanley", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms Olive Hanley
Head of Service for Disability