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Bernard J. Durkan TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Ref: PQ 39447/24

Re: Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) – North Kildare

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the extent to which disability services for children are readily available throughout north County Kildare; the areas of deficiency in this regard that have been identified; the remediation plans for same; the progress made in this regard in the last six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Bernard J. Durkan

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 requested that the Children's Disability Network Manager – North Kildare examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

The North Kildare CDNT is currently operating with a vacancy rate of 43%, vacancies are across all health and social care disciplines, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, psychology and social work. The CDNT continues to advocate for the on-boarding of candidates who have accepted posts on the team and for vacant posts to be offered to existing HSE panels.

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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