

Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,

Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta, Caladh an Treoigh, Luimneach.

Office of the Assistant National Director,

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18th September 2024

Deputy Pauline Tully, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. E-mail: <u>pauline.tully@oireachtas.ie</u>

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 36395/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1365 of 9 September 2024, the number of the 495 applicants for clinical posts in children's disability network team (CDNTs) who were called to take part in the interview process; and the number of those interviewed that were offered a contract with one of the CDNTs.

HSE Response

The HSE continues to operate in a very competitive global market, with continued and significant shortages of qualified Health and Social Care Professionals (HCPs) being an issue across the globe. The demand for HSCPs significantly outstrips supply.

However through ongoing effective work with our funded agencies with regard to recruitment, we enabled a multiple location application process, thereby issuing over 740 interview invites (candidates applied to multiple locations) to eligible candidates which resulted in candidates attending over 340 interviews.

Candidates who passed the interview process were offered positions, to date 56 individuals have accepted posts and are being progressed through the onboarding stage of recruitment or have already started in the post. This number will increase as successful individuals move through the recruitment process.

Work is ongoing to increase recruitment into disability services from recruitment stage through to promotional activity.

Webinars were held in July 2024 '*Working in a Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs)*' to increase interest in CDNTs and the presentation from this is available through:

https://careerhub.hse.ie/cdnt-webinar/

These webinars were well attended with all participants encouraged to register their interest for a job within Children's Disability Network Teams though:

Childrens Disability Network - HSE Career Hub

Yours Sincerely,

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