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Mr. Matt Carthy, T.D.,
Leinster House,
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D02 XR20

Re: PQ ref 46752/24 – Occupational Therapists in Children’s Disability Services Monaghan

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current provision of occupational therapy available in County Monaghan for, separately, adult and children disability services; the number of WTE occupational therapists in employment; the current waiting list for OT appointments; the current vacancies in Ots; the proposals to increase OT provision in this county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

– Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Children Disability Services:

The Manager of Monaghan Children’s Disability Network Team (CDNT) has advised as follows in relation to the current Occupational Therapy (OT) staff complement:

Grade	WTE Approved	WTE in Post	WTE Vacant
Senior OT	3.6	2.0	1.6 – (of which 0.8 is in the recruitment process and 0.8 is currently on Maternity Leave)
Staff Grade OT	2.0	1.0	1.0 (which is in the recruitment process)
Assistant OT	1.0	1.0	0.0
Total	6.6	4.0	2.6

The Disability Manager for Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CS CDLMS) has advised that under the Progressing Disability Services (PDS) model, CDNTs offer therapeutic support to children and young people (0-18 years) via the interdisciplinary

model. CDNTs do not break down the therapeutic input for children and young people into single discipline waiting lists as per the PDS model. Therefore, intervention is based on children from 0-18 years of age and the relevant waiting list metrics captured are as follows:

Monaghan Children's Disability Network Team Waiting List	
Children waiting 0 - 3 months	27
Children waiting 4 - 6 months	28
Children waiting 7-12 months	26
Children waiting over 12 months	8
Total Number of Children on the waiting list	89

Adult Disability Services:

The HSE CS CDLMS Occupational Therapist Manager In Charge III has advised that Occupational Therapy (OT) provides a service to adult, physical and sensory disability clients (u-65s) and persons in Intellectual Disability Services in Monaghan. The below table sets out the current OT staff complement for Adult Disability Services:

Grade	WTE Approved	WTE in Post	WTE Vacant
Senior OT Adult Physical & Sensory Team	1	1	Nil
Senior OT Intellectual Disability Team	1	1	Nil
Agency Senior OT	1	1	Post in place to support waitlist
Total	3	3	Nil

Monaghan Intellectual Disability Waiting List	
Waiting list Monaghan	26 clients
Longest Wait time	142 weeks
Waiting over 52 weeks	17 clients

Monaghan Adult Physical & Sensory Team Waiting List	
0 – 12 weeks	10
13 - 26 weeks	6
27 – 39 weeks	9
40 – 52 weeks	5

Should additional development funding be provided to the HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services by the Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration & Youth (DCEDIY) in its budget allocation to create additional OT posts in Monaghan then recruitment will be progressed by the HSE. The need for continued investment in multidisciplinary supports for adults and children with disabilities has been identified by HSE Disability Services and requires resourcing by DCEDIY.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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