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

**Re: PQ ref 46753/24 – Occupational Therapists in Children’s Disability Services Cavan**

***“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current provision of occupational therapy available in County Cavan 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.”***  
**– M 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 Enable Ireland Children’s Disability Network Manager (CDNM) Cavan has advised as follows in relation to the current Occupational Therapy (OT) staff compliment:

Grade	WTE Approved	WTE in Post	WTE Vacant
Clinical Specialist OT	1.0	0.0	1.0 (position filled and start date awaited)
Senior OT	3.8	3.0	0.8 (in the recruitment process)
Staff Grade OT	1.0	1.0	0.0
Assistant OT	1.0	1.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>

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, CDNT offers 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:

<b>Enable Ireland led Cavan Children’s Disability Network Team Waiting List</b>	
Children waiting 0 - 3 months	22
Children waiting 4 - 6 months	25

Children waiting 7-12 months	23
Children waiting over 12 months	275
<b>Total Number of Children on the waiting list</b>	<b>345</b>

### 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 Cavan. 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	1.8	1.8	Nil
Senior OT Intellectual Disability Team	1	1	Nil
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>Nil</b>

<b>Cavan Intellectual Disability Waiting List</b>	
Waiting list Cavan	23 clients
Longest Wait time	142 weeks
Waiting over 52 weeks	17 clients

<b>Cavan Adult Physical &amp; Sensory Team Waiting List</b>	
Waiting list Cavan	21 (all new clients)
Longest Wait time	9 months

Should additional development funding be provided to the HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services by the Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration & Youth in its budget allocation to create additional OT posts in Cavan then recruitment will be progressed by the relevant service provider – HSE or Enable Ireland. The need for continued investment in multidisciplinary supports for adults and children with disabilities has been identified by the aforementioned service providers.

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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