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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the staffing composition of the HSE Speech & Language Services, including the number of managers and therapists, that cover the Tramore and Kilmeadan areas in County Waterford; the number of posts; the number of filled posts; the number of maternity cover posts needed in 2025 and the number which are filled.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I wish to confirm that Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Services- Community Healthcare Network 6 Dungarvan; covers the areas Tramore and Kilmeaden. Speech & Language Therapy Services operates clinics in Dungarvan, Kilmeaden and Tramore.

The following table outlines the staffing composition of HSE Speech & Language Therapy (SLT) Services within Primary Care Dungarvan:

Grade	No. of Approved Posts (WTE)	No. of Filled Posts (WTE)	No. of Maternity Cover Posts needed in 2025 (WTE)	No. of Maternity Posts filled
Senior SLT	4.78	2.63	2.15	0
Staff Grade SLT	1.8	1.8	0	0
Total	6.58	4.43	2.15	0

With reference to maternity leave, I can confirm that the posts are currently in the HSE recruitment process.

Disability Service advise as follows:

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) - Network 6 Dungarvan covers the Tramore and Kilmeaden areas in County Waterford.

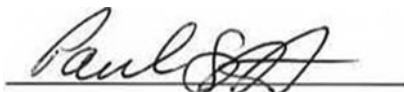
The following table outlines the staffing composition of HSE Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Services within CDNT Dungarvan:

Grade	No. of Approved Posts (WTE)	No. of Filled Posts (WTE)	No. of Maternity Cover Posts needed in 2025 (WTE)	No. of Maternity Posts filled
Senior SLT	2.80	1.80	0.80	0
Staff Grade SLT	2.00	2.00	0.00	0
Total	4.80 WTE	3.80 WTE	0.80 WTE	0

The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. The HSE continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

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

Yours sincerely,



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