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**Deputy Joan Collins**  
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**PQ 11986/19**

To ask the Minister for Health if the educational psychologist vacancy has been filled in the school age team in the Dublin south west area; if the dedicated team manager position has been filled; if the psychologist position has been fully filled; if the speech and language position has been filled permanently; if the occupational therapist position been filled; if the social worker positions have been filled; and the number of the 100 new therapy posts allocated to CHO7

-Joan Collins

**Dear Deputy**

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

HSE Dublin South West Children's Disability Services Teams continue to carry vacancies as follows:-

Early Intervention Team Staffing

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>WTE</b>	<b>Status</b>
Senior Psychologist	1	Filled
Staff Grade Psychologist	1	Filled
Senior SLT	1	Vacant – July 2018 (post has been accepted with possible start date in early May 2019)
Staff Grade SLT	1	Filled
Staff Grade SLT	1	Maternity leave (to December 2019)
Senior OT	1	Maternity leave (to January 2020)
Staff Grade OT	1	Filled
Staff Grade SW	1	Filled
Staff Grade SW	1	Vacant (has been approved to fill)
Senior Physio	1	Vacant

## School Age Team Staffing

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>WTE</b>	<b>Status</b>
Staff Grade Ed Psychologist	1	Filled
Staff Grade Psychologist	1	Vacant (has been offered and hope to have in post May 2019)
Senior SLT	0.5	Temp from SLT Initiative. Not for reconfiguration
Staff Grade SLT	1	Temp (to replace SLT on the In Schools Therapy Initiative)
Staff Grade SLT	1	Maternity leave
Senior OT	1	Filled
Staff Grade OT	1	Filled
Social Worker	1 (0.6)	Filled. This is a full time post but SW has reduced hours to 0.6. Approval to fill the 0.4
Staff Grade Physio	1	Filled

*The Teams are supported by 1 WTE Grade 3 Clerical Officer.*

The 100 new therapy posts announced within the National Service Plan for Assessment of Need is welcomed. CHO7 has been allocated 13 of the 100 posts allocated nationally.

The posts have been allocated on a phased basis across 2019 with 6 posts being allocated in Phase 1. The first 6 posts will be used to address the Waiting list for Assessment of Need in DSW to ensure compliance with the Disability Act 2005. The focus will then be transferred to the waiting list for intervention as part of a second phase when the remaining posts come on stream later in the year.

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

**Yours sincerely**



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