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Re: PQ ref 19546/21

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in CHO9 that have been redeployed from early intervention and school age disability teams into assessment of needs posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

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 for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

No staff in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) have been re-deployed from Early Intervention Team (EIT) or School Age services to Assessment of Need (AON). CHO DNCC has a small number of multi-disciplinary posts in place funded for provision of AON. These are

- 1) Within the HSE: 6 psychology posts, 1 speech and language therapy post, 0.5 Occupational Therapy Posts.
- 2) The HSE funded the CRC to recruit 6 WTE to provide AON to address the backlog.
- 3) In addition the Section 38 and HSE School Age Teams received an allocation of 16 posts for the purpose of supporting AON in 2019. A quantum of service was agreed with each provider. This service level is monitored under the Service Arrangement process.

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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