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**Re: PQ 19050/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the grade and number of vacant positions in Meath Children's Disability Services including Children's Disability Network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Darren O'Rourke**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

There are four individual Children's Disability Networks in the Meath Area:

- Network 4 (Ashbourne/Dunshaughlin)
- Network 5 (Navan/Slane)
- Network 4 & 5 are operated and managed through Enable Ireland as the Lead Agency.
- Network 2 (Kells)
- Network 6 (Trim)
- Network 2 & 6 are operated and managed directly through the HSE.

The following in tabular form outlines the grade and number of vacant posts (in red) in the Meath Children's Disability Networks. The information below is as of March 2022.

Discipline	Grade	CHN2		CHN4		CHN5		CHN6	
CDNM		1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Physiotherapy	CS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior	0.8	0	1.75	0.3	3	0	1.6	1.6
	Staff	0	0	2	0	0.6	0	1	0
Speech & Language Therapy	CS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior	2.2	0.6	3.96	0.17	4.03	0.96	1.6	1.6
	Staff	1	1	4	2	2	1	2	0



Occupational Therapy	CS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior	1.8	0	3	0	2.5	0	2.1	0.5
	Staff	1	0	3.5	1	2	2	3	1
Dietetics	CS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Senior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychology	Senior	2	1	2.86	1.86	2	1	2	0
	Staff	1	1	2	1	1	0.2	1	0
	BT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	AP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Social Work	TL	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
	SSW Prac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PQ SW	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
	FSW	0	0	0.4	0	0.62	0	0	0
Nursing	CNM2	0.5	0	0	0	0.64	0	1	0
	PHN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	Grade III	0.4	0	0	0	1.8	0	1.4	0
	Grade IV	1	0	2	0	0.6	0	0	0
	Grade V	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		WTE	Vacant	WTE	Vacant	WTE	Vacant	WTE	Vacant
	Totals	13.70	3.6	30.47	7.3	22.79	5.16	19.70	4.7

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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