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PQ 60727/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the staffing of Disability Network Teams in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

I refer to PQ 60727/22 /22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 2nd December 2022 and due for response on the 19th December 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “if he will provide an update on the staffing of Disability Network Teams in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Regrettably, there has been no significant change in the staffing situation in CDNT9 in the last few months. Like many health and social care providers, CHW Disability Services are experiencing significant staffing and recruitment issues across all service areas. Occupational Therapy resources within CDNT9 still remain limited with 3 people covering 4 posts. There are two vacant Speech and Language Therapy posts and the team has one Physiotherapist covering three posts. Please see below the latest available metrics (November 2022) for CDNT9

No. of staff WTE allocation @ month end i.e. on the last day of the month	25.42
No. of staff WTE actually working @ month end	18.31
No. of staff WTE on maternity leave @ month end	0
Caseload No. @ month end	711

You will note from the metrics provided, that the challenges of retaining and recruiting staff are significantly impacting CDNT9 currently. Recruitment and retention of staff is a top priority for the delivery of services to children with complex needs that are registered with all CDNTs in CHW. We continue to actively recruit, on a daily basis, for therapy staff via the HSE recruitment process and through private recruitment agencies. This is particularly challenging due to the competitive employment market and unprecedented shortages in personnel in the allied health professional sector. The challenges of retaining and recruiting therapy staff are significantly impacting CDNT9 who has a caseload of 711 children and supports are prioritised for those deemed with critical clinical needs.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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