

30th December 2022

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Re: PQ 61186/22

To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date in recruiting much needed therapists for areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan to provide treatment for children who have had an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

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 the following outlines the position.

Cavan and Monaghan Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) are currently struggling to recruit and retain staff within their services. All vacant posts have been advertised. Unfortunately, some of these vacancies are unable to be filled from the panels currently in place.

Cavan CDNT complete their recruitment process via Enable Ireland Services. Enable Ireland have carried out a number of recent interviews, however, there were no successful candidates. Enable Ireland have re-advertised and are also planning on exploring alternative recruitment options, such as regrading positions and international recruitment.

Monaghan CDNT recruit via the HSE Human Resources process. Monaghan CDNT have recently filled a number of positions and staff will take up their posts in February and March 2023. The Service Manager has submitted the paperwork to regrade the remaining vacant positions. These regraded positions will go to panel in 2023.

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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