

16th December, 2022

Mr Colm Burke, TD.,
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ ref 61233/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-funded therapists who have been allocated to special schools in County Cork in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Burke,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) is aware that the reinstatement of health and social care supports in special schools has been identified as a priority. An additional 26 posts were allocated to CKCH in 2022 based on the numbers of schools and the whole time equivalents (WTE) *in situ* prior to reconfiguration and commencement of two new special schools in Carrigaline and Rochestown.

The lead agencies have commenced the recruitment process for these posts. In the meantime, the teams have provided supports to children as the Children’s Disability Network Team (CDNT) model of service based on a child’s needs and resource availability.

The following table provides a breakdown of posts per discipline allocated to CKCH.

Discipline	WTE
Senior Physiotherapist	4.50
Senior Occupational Therapist	7.20
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	6.60
Senior Psychologist	4.20
Senior Social Worker	3.40

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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