

16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,  
 Dáil Éireann,  
 Dublin 2

**PQ ref 62696/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff in each of the Cork CDNTs; and the number by role that is considered a full cohort in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) have been established to provide services and supports for all children with complex needs within a defined geographic area.

As part of the HSE National Service Plan 2021, a total of 100 development posts were allocated for PDS and its implementation. Under Phase 1 and Phase 2 CKCH received 7.5 wte posts with an additional of 5.8 posts under Minister Rabbittes Special School allocation. 2022 NSP posts approved in Phase I was 14.5 WTE and of the 26 posts for special schools awarded in August, 22.2 WTE are for Cork network teams and reflected in the table below - discussions are ongoing in relation to breakdown into specific roles for special schools.

Please see table below which provides details of the wholetime equivalants (WTE) for each team.

Team	Role	WTE
North West Cork/ NW4	Children’s Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	3.00
	Occupational Therapist	3.40
	Speech & Language Therapist	5.55
	Psychologist	3.00
	Social Worker	2.30
	Family Support Worker	0.90
	Nursing	2.98
	Administration	1.30
	Special School	3.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26.43</b>

North East Cork/ NW5	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	2.00
	Occupational Therapist	1.80
	Speech & Language Therapist	2.00
	Psychologist	1.86
	Social Worker	2.00
	Family Support Worker	1.52
	Nursing	1.00
	Administration	1.50
	Special School	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14.68</b>
East Central Cork/ NW6	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	3.00
	Occupational Therapist	2.00
	Speech & Language Therapist	2.83
	Psychologist	2.83
	Social Worker	1.83
	Nursing	1.00
	Family Support	0.80
	Administration	1.80
	Special School	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17.09</b>
East Cork City/ NW7	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	2.00
	Occupational Therapist	4.00
	Speech & Language Therapist	4.52
	Psychologist	2.50
	Social Worker	2.00
	Family Support Worker	1.70
	Nursing	1.20
	Other Support	1.00
	Administration	1.47
	Special School	3.72
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25.11</b>
Central Cork/ NW8	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	2.00
	Occupational Therapist	3.00
	Speech & Language Therapist	4.80
	Psychologist	2.40
	Social Worker	2.00
	Family Support Worker	0.80
	Senior Dietician	1.00
	Nursing	0.50
	Administration	2.00
	Special School	6.60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26.10</b>



North Cork City & Blarney/ NW9	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	1.50
	Occupational Therapist	3.00
	Speech & Language Therapist	3.00
	Psychologist	3.00
	Social Worker	0.80
	Nursing	0.90
	Family Support	0.67
	Other Support	0.50
	Administration	1.50
	Special School	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15.87</b>
West Cork/ NW10	CDNM	1.00
	Physiotherapist	3.10
	Occupational Therapist	4.08
	Speech & Language Therapist	5.90
	Psychologist	4.81
	Social Worker	0.50
	Nursing	2.30
	Administration	1.50
	Special School	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23.19</b>
South East Cork City/ NW11	CDNM	1.00
	Physiotherapist	2.72
	Occupational Therapist	4.00
	Speech & Language Therapist	5.00
	Psychologist	3.30
	Social Worker	1.50
	Nursing	0.50
	Family Support	0.33
	Other Support	2.90
	Administration	1.50
	Special School	4.43
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27.18</b>
West Central Cork/ NW12	CDNM	1.00
	Physiotherapist	3.00
	Occupational Therapist	6.52
	Speech & Language Therapist	6.30
	Psychologist	3.80
	Social Worker	2.00
	Nursing	0.50
	Family Support	1.80
	Other Support	1.00
	Administration	1.82
	Special School	2.70
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30.44</b>



Carrigaline, Kinsale, Bandon/ NW13	Children's Disability Network Manager	1.00
	Physiotherapist	2.48
	Occupational Therapist	4.62
	Speech & Language Therapist	5.30
	Psychologist	4.30
	Social Worker	1.95
	Nursing	0.90
	Family Support	2.17
	Other Support	1.00
	Administration	2.06
	Special School	1.74
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27.52</b>
	South Cork City/ NW14	Children's Disability Network Manager
Physiotherapist		2.00
Occupational Therapist		2.50
Speech & Language Therapist		3.00
Psychologist		2.46
Social Worker		1.00
Nursing		0.46
Family Support		0.96
Other Support		0.80
Administration		1.25
Dietician		1.00
Special School		0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>16.43</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>250.04</b>

Vacant posts, excluding special schools, currently stand at 38.4 WTE and we are working with recruitment to have these posts filled.

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

Yours sincerely



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