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To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for recruitment of two additional whole-time equivalent autism spectrum disorder therapist posts for the Sligo-South Donegal children's disability network team.

Response:

Allocation of funding is delivered from the National Progressing Disability Services Allocation Budget for the positions across the Children's Disability Network Teams. At this time we do not have confirmation of the budget allocation or agreed disciplines approved for the Children's Disability Network team in Sligo Leitrim. Consideration will be given to the positions requested by the Sligo Children's Disability Network Team in line service needs which covers a range of therapeutic disciplines for Sligo Leitrim. Currently there is one Autism Service Manager, five Autism Therapists and two Autism Support Workers with the Sligo Leitrim Disability Network team and one Autism Therapist in South Donegal. There is one Autism Therapist in South Donegal and this resource will be reviewed in line with the requirement for service provision in the Sligo Leitrim South Donegal Network Area as part of the Community Healthcare Network realignment process.

Yours sincerely

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