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PQ 39058/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in the new disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway; and the specific vacancies in tabular form”.

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to PQ 39058/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 13th July 2022 and due for response on the 27th July 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of vacancies in the new disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway; and the specific vacancies in tabular form”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Staff Discipline	CDNT 4	CDNT 5	CDNT 6	CDNT 7	CDNT 8	CDNT 9
SLT Senior	1	3.5	1		1	2
SLT Staff	1	1				1
OT Senior	1.4		0.1	1		1
OT staff			1.8			
Physio Senior	2		0.1	1		1
Physio Staff					0.6	1
Psychology Senior	2		0.1		1	
Psychology Staff		1	1.3	0.8		1
Social Worker Senior	1		0.4			
Social Worker Staff		1	0.2		1.4	
Children’s Disability Network Manager		1			1	
Autism Support Advisor					1	
Principal Psychologist				1		
Dietician				1		
Total posts vacant	8.4	7.5	5	4.8	6	7

CHW Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) are committed to building a service for all children that is responsive to needs and supports families. Recruitment and retention of staff remains a priority for the delivery of services to children with complex needs that are registered with all CDNTs across CHW. We are currently recruiting staff across all disciplines for a waiting list initiative to address waiting times in all CDNTS. We continue to actively recruit, on a daily basis, for therapy staff via the HSE recruitment process and through private recruitment agencies, however, this is particularly challenging due to unprecedented shortages in personnel in the allied health professional sector.

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

Yours sincerely



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