



17th June 2022

Mr. Johnny Mythen TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 29186/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 740 of 10 May 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of vacant posts by profession and by detail of area/team which these 16 vacancies relate to within the four children's disability network teams in County Wexford in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can confirm that SECH CHO 5 has secured funding in 2022 for 26 new posts across all Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs). The HSE are actively recruiting to fill these posts along with trying to fill the current vacancies which will enable teams to increase the provision of assessment and intervention services.

The table below highlights the current vacancies across Wexford CDNTs.

Wexford CDNT Vacancies as of 17/06/2022				
Discipline	New Ross	Wexford	Enniscorthy	Gorey
Occupational Therapist		2	1	1
Speech & Language Therapist			1.9	2
Psychologist	1	1	1	
Nursing		0.8		
Dietetics		0.5	1.5	0.5
Physiotherapy			1.8	
Total	1	4.3	7.2	3.5

As with other areas all services within CHO SECH Disability Services (CDNTs) are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. Vacant posts have been advertised and in some cases re-advertised however we have been unsuccessful in filling a number of vacancies from these campaigns. In addition SECH continues to express posts out to current national panels. Interviews are currently underway in SECH for Senior Occupational Therapists.

In the meantime, the Children's Disability Network Managers are also exploring different ways to offer support to children and families currently waiting to access services. This includes developing webinars,



group based workshops, information sessions and the development of a repository of resources for children and their families to promote and enable wellbeing at home.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Ennis', written in dark ink.

Ms. Anne Ennis
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