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Mr. Johnny Mythen TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 740 of 10 May 2022, the number of the 26 new posts for children's disability network teams in CHO5 will go to teams in County Wexford; the professions to be included in the allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

The 26 additional posts as previously advised will be allocated across all of the Children's Disability Network Teams across South East Community Healthcare (SECH). Following an analysis by Disability Services Management and the Children's Disability Network Managers the allocation of these 26 posts was considered using various criteria including:

- Current allocation of clinical posts in each Children's Disability Network Team
- The absence and requirement of senior grade clinical staff and an opportunity to upgrade existing posts
- Current whole time equivalent (WTE) hours of allocated posts.
- Need to increase existing clinical compliment of CDNTs
- Seek to provide new posts
- Keep within the specific budget allocated associated with the 26 posts

The current draft allocation requested by SECH and being considered by HSE National Disability Services for County Wexford includes 8.4 WTE additional posts at senior level in the following disciplines: Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Dietetics and Speech and Language Therapy.

Trusting this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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