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**Eoin Ó Broin TD**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Leinster House**  
**Kildare Street**  
**Dublin 2**

**Ref: PQ 29593/22**

**Re:** *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Youth Programme in Dublin 22; and the number of children who have accessed this service in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022.”*

**- Eoin Ó Broin**

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**Dear Deputy Ó Broin**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the PDS Project Manager to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Clondalkin Children’s Disability Network Team commenced on 20th September 2021. Prior to this the HSE Children’s Team was the entirety of HSE Dublin West Local Health Office plus service from the Central Remedial Clinic, Stewarts Care, HSE Beechpark with some families attending service with Enable Ireland Tallaght and Saint John of God Islandbridge. It is therefore not possible to provide some of the data requested. A national information management system is in the final stages of development and should support the collation of this type of data in the future.

The whole time staff allocation for the Clondalkin CDNT is 22.12 this includes 1 wholetime equivalent (WTE) Children’s Disability Network Manager and 1 WTE administrative support. There are currently 6 vacant permanent positions and 1 maternity leave vacancy in addition to parental leave. The number of children known to this team is 726. In May 2022 a total of 176 individual children were seen by the team.

The current statistics do not demonstrate the number of other contacts made including case discussion, school visits, and telehealth. It also does not demonstrate indirect support to children and families such as equipment prescription or liaison with other outside agencies.

I hope this answers some of the queries raised however, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deborah Jacob

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