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Mr Joe Flaherty T.D.,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 34425/22

To ask the Minister for Health if information in relation to the staffing levels in the progressing disability services team at a centre (details supplied) in County Longford will be provided. -Joe Flaherty

(Details) phoenix centre , As of June 17th, 2022, could you provide the following information: How many Speech & Language Therapists posts are there? Are all these post filled and working (ie not on extended leave, seconded etc)? How many psychologists are assigned to the service and now many roles are filled and working (ie not on extended leave, seconded etc? How many Occupational Therapists' posts are there? Are all these post filled and working (ie not on extended leave, seconded etc)?

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in Longford is assigned 2.5 Senior Speech and Language posts. Of these assigned posts, there is currently 1.3 filled with 1.2 vacant. Of the 1.3 filled posts, 0.5 is filled by HSE SLT and 0.8 by agency staff.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in Longford is assigned 2 Senior Psychologists and 1 staff grade psychologist. Of these assigned posts, one senior post is filled in full-time capacity and the other vacant. The staff grade psychology post is vacant.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in Longford is assigned 2 senior occupational therapists and 2 staff grade occupational therapists. Of these assigned posts the two senior posts are filled on full-time capacity. Of the 2.0 staff grade OTs there is 0.5 vacant post with the remaining 1.5 working in full-time capacity.

All vacant posts are going through an active recruitment process. Every effort is being made to fill any vacant position with agency staff while we await the posts filling in a full time capacity.



I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Flynn
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