

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Mr, Mick Barry, TD.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref: 14488/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the Cork Central Children Disability Network Team; the measures that will be put in place to fill vacancies and to reduce waiting times for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Barry,

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

There are a number of vacancies due to new posts in recruitment and statutory leave entitlements. Backfilling of posts is challenging in the current environment due to lack of availability of appropriately qualified staff and demand for same across the health service.

However the Lead Agency responsible for the management of the team are prioritising the recruitment of such posts.

Please see table below which provides details of Therapy and administrative whole time equivalents (WTE) on the Central Cork, Childrens Disability Network Team.

<b>Central Cork</b>	1.00 CDNM 2.00 Physiotherapist 3.00 Occupational Therapist 4.80 Speech & Language Therapist 2.40 Psychologist 1.00 Social Worker 0.50 Nursing 0.80 Family Support 1.00 Administration <b>TOTAL WTE</b> <b>16.50</b>	1.00 Staff Grade Psychologist 0.40 Senior Psychologist 1.00 Speech & Language Therapist 1.00 Senior Occupational Therapist 0.50 Administration  <b>Total WTE unfilled</b> <b>3.90</b>
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I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely,



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