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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Dáil Eireann
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Ref: PQ 56625/22

Re: *“To ask the Minister for Health the staff turn-over for CDNTs in St. Columba's Armagh Road, Dublin 12 and Brú Chaoimhín, Cork Street, Dublin 8, since established.”*

-Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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 requested that the Children's Disability Network Manager for Brú Chaoimhín (Team 1) and Children's Disability Network Manager for St. Columba's (Team 3) examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

Set out below is the breakdown of staffing levels in terms of roles for Brú Chaoimhín Children's Disability Network Team 1 and St. Columba's Children's Disability Network Team 3:

Brú Chaoimhín Children's Disability Network Team 1

Discipline	Post status	Vacancy status
Dietician, Senior 0.7	Vacant	International recruitment has commenced
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	Vacant	Person appointed is due to start on 4/1/2022
Physiotherapist, Senior	Vacant	Post upgraded to Senior based on service needs, recruitment has just commenced.
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	Vacant	Recruitment has commenced for this post
Occupational Therapist, Senior	Vacant	New Development post for Assessment of Need
Psychologist, Senior	Vacant	New Development post for Assessment of Need

St. Columba's Children's Disability Network Team 3

Discipline	Post status	Vacancy status
Senior Physiotherapist	Filled from September 2021 to March 2022	Still vacant
Staff grade Physiotherapist	Filled from September 2021 to March 2022	Still vacant
Senior Occupational Therapist	Filled from September 2021 to March 2022	Still vacant
Staff Grade Occupational Therapist	Vacant from September 2021-March 2022	Filled since March 2022
Senior SLT	Maternity leave from September 2021-December 2021	Filled since December 2021; 1 parental day a week
Staff Grade Psychologist	Maternity leave vacancy from September 2021	Filled since August 2022
Senior .7 SW	Filled from September 2021 to September 2022	Vacant since September 2022
Senior Psychologist .4	Extended sick leave September 2021 to present	Extended leave

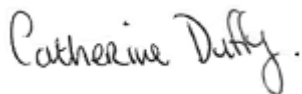
Since the reconfiguration of children's disability services in September 2021 the CDNTs have been working hard to establish and provide equitable access to their service. The demand for the service of the CDNT to meet the intervention needs of the child population is significantly greater than the resource available. The Health Minister will be aware of the issues in relation to staff retention and recruitment in this area and the additional demands for time legislated assessments under the Disability Act (2005).

The prevailing recruitment situation across clinical disciplines is highly challenging due shortage of skills nationally. We have strived to fill the vacant posts since reconfiguration and are committed to filling these vacancies as soon as possible.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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