



1st December 2022

Mr. Michael Lowry TD
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Leinster House
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PQ 57055/22

To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and number of staff attached to the Clonmel community disability network team; the number of children awaiting intervention with the Clonmel community disability network team in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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 table below outlines the information as requested in your above referenced parliamentary question.

Table: CDNT 5 - Clonmel

Children assigned to CDNT	622
Current Staffing	18.09 WTE (20 staff)

In this instance we are currently unable to provide a breakdown of data on those awaiting intervention as at any one time a number of children may be in receipt of some interventions but may also be waiting for other interventions and without ICT systems we are unable to provide that level of breakdown at this time.

As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. SECH continues to express posts out to current national panels and continues to prioritise local recruitment campaigns. A Senior Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) campaign was at interview stage in September 2022 and a Staff Grade SLT national campaign is underway. A Senior Occupational Therapist (OT) local panel has been formed and a national panel is in place with a national supplementary campaign underway. Senior Psychology and Staff Grade Psychology national panels are also now in place. CDNT – Network 5 has successfully recruited two Senior SLTs from the above mentioned panels, both of which are due to commence in January /February 2023 and a Senior OT is due to commence at the end of February 2023. A Clinical Nurse Manager 2 is also due to commence by the end of the year.

The HSE has commenced an international recruitment campaign and it is hoped that a number of vacancies will be filled from this process. The interviews are scheduled to take place shortly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

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