



29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Mr. Michael Lowry T.D.  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 57056/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and number of staff attached to the Cashel community disability network team; the number of children awaiting intervention with the Cashel 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 4 - Cashel**

<b>Children assigned to CDNT</b>	339
<b>Children awaiting intervention</b>	300
<b>Current Staffing</b>	8.2

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 & Language Therapy (SLT) campaign was at interview stage in September 2022 and a Staff Grade SLT national campaign is underway. A Senior Occupational Therapy (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 4 is in the process of securing an Occupational Therapist via an Expression of Interest. They are recruiting a Senior Speech and Language Therapist from the afore-mentioned recent interviews. A Staff Grade Psychologist post will be offered out to the panel imminently.

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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