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Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 53266/22

To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in children's disability network teams 4, 5 and in east Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Since 2019, more than 475 development posts have been allocated to children's disability services across the country. These posts have been assigned to teams based on a number of factors, including the existing ratio of staff to the number of children with disabilities in each area.

In addition, further to recent agreement with Government, the HSE and its CDNT Lead Agencies will receive funding for an additional 136.3 WTEs to provide services in 104 special schools.

These additional posts are intended to support the newly established CDNTs to prioritise intervention for children with complex needs in special schools.

The attached CDNT Staff Census and Workforce Review undertaken in 2021 has provided valuable information on the number of staff working in the CDNTs by discipline and grade.

CDNT 4 is based in Clonmel and CDNT is based in Cashel. Both of these areas are within Community Healthcare Area 5 (CHO5). East Limerick CDNT is in CHO 3. Please see the table below. Both CHO 3 and CHO 5 are highlighted.

CHO	Approved WTE	Filled WTE	Vacant WTE	% Filled	% Vacant
CHO1	161.49	111.87	49.62	69%	31%
CHO2	218.55	162.11	56.44	74%	26%
CHO3	168.27	140.47	27.80	83%	17%
CHO4	279.42	221.35	58.06	79%	21%



CHO5	165.15	110.76	54.39	67%	33%
CHO6	174.75	118.60	56.15	68%	32%
CHO7	231.92	161.33	70.59	70%	30%
CHO8	252.59	176.35	76.24	70%	30%
CHO9	240.24	165.04	75.20	69%	31%
Total	1,892.38	1,367.88	524.50	72%	28%
Average	210.26	151.99	58.28	72%	28%

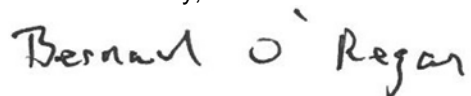
As per the October 2021 census, the specific figures for the CDNTs in Clonmel, Cashel and East Limerick CDNTs are as follows:

- East Limerick 29.96 approved / 25.96 filled
- Cashel 14.19 approved / 11.39 filled
- Clonmel 16 approved / 10.10 filled

The detailed information available following the Census review is allowing targeted workforce planning by the HSE in consultation with lead agencies and the Children's Disability Network Managers to reinforce the skill mix of their teams so that we accommodate local population needs.

Data for the 2022 CDNT Staff Census and Workforce Review is currently being collated. It is intended that this updated information will be available in December 2022 allowing for a 2021 / 2022 trend analysis.

Yours Sincerely,



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