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Dear Deputy Connolly,

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 53308/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the staff census and workforce review of community disability network teams 2022, due to have been undertaken on 12 October 2022; the current vacancy rate by discipline and CHO area in tabular form; the CHO2 vacancy rate by region and discipline; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response - Staffing of the CDNTs

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. The detailed information available following this 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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