



27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Ms. Verona Murphy TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 45620/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the current number of vacancies within the children's disability network team service in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.*

I can confirm that SECH CHO 5 secured funding for 26 new posts across the CDNTs in the National Service Plan 2022. The HSE are actively recruiting to fill these posts along with trying to fill current vacancies which will enable teams to increase the provision of assessment and intervention. Senior Speech and Language Therapy interviews are scheduled for September 2022. A SECH/National panel has been formed for Occupational Therapy and a Senior Physiotherapy panel was formed in July 2022. A Staff Grade Psychology national panel is now in place. To date we have been unsuccessful in filling these posts from the recent panels.

The table below outlines the information you have requested with regards to vacancies:

<b>Wexford CDNT Vacancies as of 21/09/2022</b>				
<b>Professional</b>	<b>New Ross</b>	<b>Wexford</b>	<b>Enniscorthy</b>	<b>Gorey</b>
<b>Occupational Therapist</b>		2	1	1
<b>Speech &amp; Language Therapist</b>		1	2	
<b>Psychologist</b>	1	1	1	2
<b>Nursing</b>	0.8	0.8		0.5
<b>Dietetics</b>	1	0.5	1.5	0.5
<b>Physiotherapy</b>			1	1
<b>Administration</b>				0.54
<b>Social Work</b>		1	1	
<b>Totals</b>	2.8	6.3	7.5	5.54

In the meantime, the Children's Disability Network Managers are also exploring different ways to offer support to children and families currently waiting to access services. This includes developing webinars, group based workshops, information sessions and the development of a repository of resources for children and their families to promote and enable wellbeing at home.



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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