



			Therapy			Therapists	
Sligo South Donegal	471	24 months	20 months	3 WTE	2 WTE	4.8 WTE	3.8 WTE
Leitrim West Cavan	316	12 months	8 months	3 WTE	1 WTE	3 WTE	Nil Vacant
Donegal East & Inishowen	430	12 – 18 months	6 – 24 months	4 WTE	2 WTE	5 WTE	2 WTE
Donegal North	344	14 months	10 months	4 WTE	2.5 WTE	4 WTE	2 WTE
Donegal South West	280	6 months	6 months	2.8 WTE	2.0 WTE	4.8 WTE	2.8 WTE
Cavan	526	24 months	24 months	4 WTE	2.7 WTE	5.8 WTE	1 WTE
Monaghan	652	51 months	13 months	5.8 WTE	1.8 WTE	6.4 WTE	2.8 WTE

The following measures are currently in place to support families during waiting times.

- Support with the diagnostic process and school placement.
- Universal training programmes support.
- Target-specific parent training programmes.
- Meeting clinicians for general advice.
- In each CDNT area, following autism diagnostics, families are offered a place at Early Bird or Early Bird Plus (age specific), which is a parental post diagnostic programme aimed at increasing awareness of autism and how to deal with the issues that a child may be more likely to experience due to their autism.
- All interventions offered are based on what is agreed from each child's Individual Family Service Plan and differing types of interventions can be offered by SLT/OT, depending on the child specific goals. CDNTs offer a mix of group advice and one-to-one interventions, depending on the goal identified.
- The Children's Disability Network Manager is working closely with the HSE Human Resources department on an ongoing basis to recruit suitably qualified staff to fill the SLT and OT posts. Local initiatives and national initiatives are being undertaken to address the lack of suitably qualified professionals available for employment in CDNTs. An Taoiseach's



office is overseeing the development of a Progressing Disability Services (PDS) Roadmap to address recruitment concerns.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written in a cursive style.

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