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**Re: PQ/17274/23**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth what additional staffing resources have been provided during 2022 and to date in 2023 to the Clare children's disability network team for the purpose of reducing waiting lists in County Clare; if he will confirm what additional measures have and will be taken to further improve service delivery in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**Dear Deputy McNamara**

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

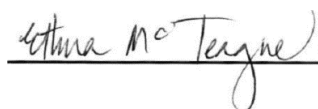
I can confirm that in 2022, 5.5 WTE posts were allocated to Children Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) in the Mid-West, all of which were allocated to regional supports across the Mid-West which the Clare based CDNT would benefit from. In addition in 2022, 19.5 WTE posts were allocated under the provision of supports to Special Schools in the Mid-West, aligned to the CDNTs. 4.8 WTE of these posts were allocated to the Clare CDNT, and a further 3 of which were allocated to regional supports which the Clare CDNT would benefit from.

In addition, some part-time posts upon becoming vacant were increased to full WTE posts. For example 0.9 WTE Psychology post was increased to 1 WTE, and 0.8 WTE Occupational Therapy post increased to 1 WTE. The Mid-West Community Healthcare are also currently looking at increasing other part-time posts where possible on the Clare CDNT.

While there has been no confirmation of any additional posts for 2023, I understand there may be reference to further allocations of posts to CDNT in the Roadmap for Service Improvement for CDNT which is currently in development.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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