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Mr. Jackie Cahill TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 18471/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent allocations in therapeutic roles for inpatient and outpatient services in Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel campus, broken down by discipline in tabular form; the number of those WTE posts that were vacant on 31 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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 liaised with colleagues in Primary Care Services and the following is the current position.

Primary Care Services:

Primary Care staff are based at OLH and provide outpatient clinics and services to Community Healthcare Network 4 which includes Cashel Town area.

Primary Care Therapy Staff based inn OLHC	WTE approved posts based on site at OLHC	WTE in post as at 31.03.23	Comments
Speech & Language	3	2.0	WTEs cover Home First, Community Healthcare Network 4 plus provides cover to Older Person Services. Home First post currently vacant 1 WTE
Physiotherapy	2.8	1.8	1 WTE temporarily unfilled Home First service
Occupational Therapy	1 adult PC service	1	



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REHABILITATION SERVICES	Staffing WTE 31.03.23	Vacant Posts
Physiotherapy	2	0
Occupational Therapy	1	0
Speech & Language Therapy	0.2	0

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	Staffing WTE 31.03.23	Vacant Posts
Speech & Language	0	0
Physiotherapy	1	1 seconded to Rehabilitation Service
Occupational Therapist	0	0
Chiropody	0.2	0.2

Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP)	Staffing WTE 31.03.23	Vacant Posts
Physiotherapy, Senior	1	0
Occupational Therapy, Senior	2	0
Pharmacist	1	0
Dietician	1	0
Speech & Language Therapy Senior	1	0

As with other areas South East Community Healthcare (SECH) continues to experience recruitment challenges across all allied health professionals. The HSE continues to express posts out to current national panels and to prioritise recruitment campaigns.

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Helen McDaid
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