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Eoin Ó Broin TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Ref: PQ 53511/23

Re: Scoil Mochua CRC Old Nangor Road Deansrath Clondalkin Dublin 22

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when therapists will be reinstated at a special school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Eoin Ó Broin

Dear Deputy Ó Broin

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the Children’s Disability Network Team – 4 CRC to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

CDNT 4 (Clondalkin) currently have approximately 16 therapy staff supporting 688 children. 375 have received a service including children attending Scoil Mochua. There are approximately 313 children waiting for assessment and/or intervention from the team. The team have approximately 11 unfilled posts with 2 of these positions on offer and finalising recruitment currently. Recruitment and retention of staff is critical, and vacancies and staff changes continue to impact service delivery and waiting times.

Current Therapy Staffing Resource

Discipline	Allocation	In Place	Vacant	Finalising Recruitment/on offer
Behavioural Specialist	1		1	
Staff Psychology	1	1		
Snr Psychology	3.6	2.6	1	
Psychology Assistant	1	1		
Nurse	1	1		
Staff OT	2		2	
Snr. OT	4	2	1	1
Staff PT	1	1		
Snr. PT	2.35	1.85	0.5	
PT Assistant	0.67	0.67		
Snr. SLT	6	2	3	1
Snr. Social Worker	2	1	1	
Home Support Worker	1.54	1.54		

The allocation of service is based on available resources, AON and the needs of the children including prioritisation in line with the Interim revised national policy on prioritisation of referrals to Children's Disability Network Teams.

In line with the model of service delivery under PDS, services and supports are primarily delivered at home, school, preschool, and at the centre.

As you are aware, AON is a legal requirement and CDNT 4 have been requested to allocate 20% of the team resource in Psychology, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy specifically to AON. There is a monthly allocation and requirement to prioritise AON.

Resources, supports and interventions continue to be allocated and delivered to the children who attend Scoil Mochua. During the months September – November 2023, the total clinical supports that were provided to the children attending Scoil Mochua were:

- Direct intervention – 392.33 hours
- Indirect intervention – 124.55 hours
- Clinical admin – 202.67 hours

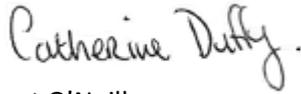
Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the "P.P" text.

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