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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 6366/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide up-to-date information on a number of speech and language therapy vacancies in CHO8. -Robert Troy

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 response. I have examined the matter and I am providing a breakdown per care group as outlined below.

Primary Care – Midlands Area

Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE - Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
4	3	1	5.15	3.15	2	Primary care Network 10- Offaly
3	2	1	2	2	0	Primary Care Network 11 East Offaly North Laois
2	1	1	4.5	0	4.5	Primary Care Network 12 South Laois
2	0	2	1	1	1	Primary care Non Network Laois/Offaly



Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE - Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
4	2	2	6	4	2	Network 7
3	1	2	4.6	3	1.6	Network 8
2	1	1	4.5	3.5	1	Network 9
0	0	0	1	0		Longford/ Westmeath

Primary Care - Louth/Meath Area

Approved WTE Staff Grade	WTE in post –Staff Grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE Senior Grade	WTE in post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Vacancies	Network Area
3	2	1	3.43	2.43	1	East Meath CHN
3	2	0	2.8	1.8	1 (Recruitment in progress)	South West Meath
4	2 (one on Maternity Leave)	2	2	2	0	Central Meath
2	1	1	1.69	1.69	Nil	North Meath & Ardee
2	2	0	6.07	5.57	0.5	North Louth
3	2	1	3.9	2.1	1.8	South Louth & Bettystown



Midlands Mental Health Services.

Approved WTE Staff Grades	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE - Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
0	0	0	1	.95	.05	L/W

Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE - Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
2	2	0	2	1.6	0.4	L/O

Louth Meath Mental Health Services

Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE - Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
0	0	0	0.8	0	0.8	Meath
0	0	0	1.5	0.5	1.0	Louth

Disability Services

Louth – CDNT 1 & 3

Approved WTE Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
1	1	0	4.5	3.5	1	Network 1 North Louth
3	2	1	3	2	1	Network 3 South Louth



Meath – CDNT 2,4,5 & 6

Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
1	0	1	3.6	2.6	1	Network 2 Kells
3	3	0	4.76	2	2.76	Network 4 Dunshaughlin
0.5	2	0	4	2.8	1.4	Network 5 Navan/Slane
2	1	1	2.67	1.67	1	Network 6 Trim

Midlands – CDNT 7,8,9,10,11,&12

Approved WTE- Staff Grade	WTE in post Staff grade	WTE Staff Grade vacancies	Approved WTE Senior Grade	WTE in Post Senior Grade	WTE Senior Grade Vacancies	Network Area/County
3	1	2	3	2	1	Network 7 Mullingar
0	0	0	3.2	1.2	1.2	Network 8 Longford
2	2	0	1.7	0.7 in post 1 on Maternity leave	0	Network9 Athlone
3	0	3	2	2	0	Network 10 Offaly
2	1	1	1	1	0	Network 11 Portlaoise
3	3	0	1.5	1.5	0	Network 12 Portlaoise

CHO8 are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. These challenges are not unique to this CHO and are affecting many teams across the country and across many clinical disciplines, which is having an impact on service delivery.



The HSE is also currently actively engaged in various recruitment initiatives to fill vacant posts which will positively impact on waiting times for all disciplines.

Recruitment is a high priority and multiple competitions have and continue to take place in efforts to fill all vacancies. The national pool is limited and although every effort is being made to maximise this pool through links with colleges and universities, there remains a significant deficit nationally in many of the clinical professions.

To supplement the national pool, the HSE is continuing to source candidates through the international market. The HSE is supported in this recruitment initiative by international recruitment partners who will engage and recruit with interested applicants on behalf of the service and to HSE standards

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', is written over a horizontal line.

Des O'Flynn
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