

24th February, 2023

Mr Sean Sherlock, TD.,
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ ref 6853/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the Central Cork children's disability network team, in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) have been established to provide services and supports for all children with complex needs within a defined geographic area.

As part of the HSE National Service Plan 2021, a total of 100 development posts were allocated for PDS and its implementation. Under Phase 1 and Phase 2 CKCH received 7.5 wte posts with an additional of 5.8 posts under Minister Rabbittes Special School allocation. 2022 NSP posts approved in Phase I was 14.5 WTE and of the 25.9 posts for special schools awarded in August, 22.2 WTE are for Cork network teams and the applicable number for **Central Cork CDNT** is reflected in the table below - discussions are ongoing in relation to breakdown into specific roles for special schools.

Posts: Wholetime equivalants (WTE) for Central Cork CDNT8

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Central Cork CDNT 8 | Children's Disability Network Manager | 1.00 |
| | Physiotherapist | 2.00 |
| | Occupational Therapist | 3.00 |
| | Speech & Language Therapist | 4.80 |
| | Psychologist | 2.40 |
| | Social Worker | 2.00 |
| | Family Support Worker | 0.80 |
| | Senior Dietician | 1.00 |
| | Nursing | 0.50 |
| | Administration | 2.00 |
| | Special School | 6.60 |
| | Total | 26.10 |

Caseload/ Awaiting Intervention

We are unable to provide a breakdown of data on those awaiting intervention as at any one time a number of children may be in receipt of some interventions but may also be waiting for other interventions and without ICT systems we are unable to provide that level of breakdown at this time.

| Team | Current Caseload | No. of children awaiting intervention | Total Waiting |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Central Cork - CDNT 8 | 560 | 79 | 639 |

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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