



1st February 2023

Mr. Brendan Howlin TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 3237/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out the full authorised staffing numbers and positions for County Wexford's children's disability network team; the staff positions currently vacant; the efforts being made to fill these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Howlin,

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 the following is the current position.

Table 1: Staffing WTE by Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT)

CDNT	No. WTE Allocated	No. WTE Currently in Post*
New Ross	11.05	6.35
Wexford	17.74	11.24
Gorey	12.09	4.75
Enniscorthy	22.8	8.3

*Please note that these figures are subject to change.

Table 2: Vacancies WTE by CDNT

Wexford CDNT Vacancies as of 1 st February 2023*				
Discipline	New Ross	Wexford	Gorey	Enniscorthy
CDNM	0.75			
Senior Social Worker	1.00	2.00		2.00
Senior SLT	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
SLT Staff Grade	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.50
Senior Dietician	1.00	0.50	0.50	1.50



CNM 2	0.80	1.20	0.50	
Occupational Therapist Staff Grade		1.00		1.00
Staff Grade Psychology		1.00	1.00	1.00
Senior Occupational Therapist			1.00	2.00
Senior Physiotherapist			1.00	1.00
Senior Psychologist			0.80	0.50
Staff Grade Physiotherapist				1.00
Administration			0.54	1.00
Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist				1.00

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As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. SECH continues to express posts out to current national panels and continues to prioritise local recruitment campaigns.

The HSE have also commenced an international recruitment campaign for therapy staff and it is hoped that we will be in a position to fill more vacancies from this process. The interviews are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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