



11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Mr. Martin Browne TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 32033/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for occupational therapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area.

**PQ 32036/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of filled clerical and administrative posts in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area.

**PQ 32034/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for physiotherapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area.

**PQ 32035/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for psychologists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area.

**PQ 32032/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of unfilled positions for speech and language therapists in each of the community disability network teams in CHO5, broken down by area.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following Composite Response is the current position.*

The following tables set out the current number of vacant Therapy Roles in each CDNT in CHO5:

**Occupational Therapy**

<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Vacancies - WTE</b>
CDNT – Network 1 Carlow	5.5
CDNT – Network 3 Enable Ireland	1.7
CDNT – Network 4 Cashel	3.0
CDNT – Network 5 Clonmel	1.0
CDNT – Network 6 Dungarvan	4.0
CDNT – Network 10 Wexford	1.0
CDNT – Network 11 Enniscorthy	1.0
CDNT – Network 7 North City Waterford	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.2</b>

**Speech and Language Therapy**

<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Vacancies - WTE</b>
CDNT – Network 1 Carlow	4.1
CDNT – Network 3 Enable Ireland	2.7
CDNT – Network 4 Cashel	4.7
CDNT – Network 5 Clonmel	2.0
CDNT – Network 6 Dungarvan	2.0
CDNT – Network 7 North City Waterford	3.0
CDNT – Network 7 South City Waterford	0.5
CDNT – Network 8 New Ross	2.0
CDNT – Network 9 Gorey	3.0
CDNT – Network 10 Wexford	1.5
CDNT – Network 11 Enniscorthy	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.5</b>

### Physiotherapy

CDNT	Vacancies - WTE
CDNT – Network 1 Carlow	1.0
CDNT – Network 3 Enable Ireland	1.0
CDNT – Network 4 Cashel	3.0
CDNT – Network 5 Clonmel	2.0
CDNT – Network 6 Dungarvan	1.0
CDNT – Network 9 Gorey	1.0
CDNT – Network 11 Enniscorthy	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.0</b>

### Psychology

CDNT	Vacancies - WTE
CDNT – Network 1 Carlow	3.5
CDNT – Network 3 Enable Ireland	1.0
CDNT – Network 4 Cashel	1.5
CDNT – Network 5 Clonmel	1.0
CDNT – Network 6 Dungarvan	1.0
CDNT – Network 7 South City Waterford	1.0
CDNT – Network 7 North City Waterford	2.8
CDNT – Network 9 Gorey	1.8
CDNT – Network 11 Enniscorthy	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.1</b>

The following table sets out the current number of filled clerical and administrative posts in each CDNT in CHO 5:

<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Filled - WTE</b>
CDNT – Network 1 Carlow	Clerical Officer - 1.8 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 2 Thomastown	Clerical Officer – 1.0 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 3 Enable Ireland	Clerical Officer – 1.0 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 4 Cashel	Clerical Officer – 1.82 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 5 Clonmel	Clerical Officer – 1.6 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 6 Dungarvan	Clerical Officer – 1.4 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 7 Waterford North	Clerical Officer – 1.0 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 7 Waterford South	Grade IV – 1.34 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 8 New Ross	Clerical Officer 0.8
CDNT – Network 9 Gorey	Clerical Officer – 1.04 CDNM – 0.75
CDNT – Network 10 Wexford	Clerical Officer – 1.2 CDNM – 1.0
CDNT – Network 11 Enniscorthy	Clerical Officer – 1.0 CDNM – 1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.75</b>

As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. South East Community Healthcare continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service as this time are stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

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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