

18<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 32444/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current staffing levels of CDNTs in Cork.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth 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. NSP posts approved in Phase I 2022 was 14.5 WTE, Phase 2 was 5.5WTE and 26 posts for special schools awarded in August 2022. The following table shows the breakdown of staffing levels and vacancies in Cork CDNT’s of CHO4.

***Cork Children’s Disability Network Teams – WTE’s and posts***

	<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Total number of Funded WTE per CDNT</b>	<b>WTE Vacancies</b>
4	Northwest Cork	St. Josephs Foundation	<b>25.93</b>	<b>9.73</b>
5	Northeast Cork	St. Josephs Foundation	<b>14.15</b>	<b>3.40</b>
6	East Central Cork	Cope Foundation	<b>16.59</b>	<b>4.00</b>
7	East Cork City	Brothers of Charity	<b>20.89</b>	<b>5.00</b>
8	Central Cork	Cope Foundation	<b>18.60</b>	<b>4.90</b>
9	North Cork City & Blarney	Cope Foundation	<b>14.87</b>	<b>3.17</b>
10	West Cork	Co Action West Cork	<b>23.32</b>	<b>2.08</b>
11	South East Cork City	Enable Ireland	<b>22.75</b>	<b>4.43</b>
12	West Central Cork	Enable Ireland	<b>27.74</b>	<b>1.70</b>

13	Carrigaline/Kinsale/Bandon	Brothers of Charity	<b>25.28</b>	<b>5.00</b>
14	South Cork City	Enable Ireland	<b>15.47</b>	<b>2.70</b>
			<b>225.59</b>	<b>46.11</b>

All lead agencies are working to have these vacant posts filled.

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

Yours sincerely



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