



14th July 2023

Ms. Verona Murphy TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 33628/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The Parliamentary Question posed by you in relation to the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT Services in County Wexford does not align with the model of service or with the type of waiting lists we hold and therefore cannot be answered in that way.

The provision of an interdisciplinary model as outlined in Progressing Disability Services (PDS) and the ratio of staffing to child and family to respond to complex needs is high. The allocation of staff to the CDNTs is below what is required, even if fully staffed.

All children on CDNT registers, both CDNT waiting lists and open caseloads are likely to be waiting for some aspect of their intervention. As an interdisciplinary service, vacancies for some disciplines can further restrict the capacity to provide an intervention that requires more than one discipline.

The following table reflects the total number of children assigned to the four Wexford CDNTs. All of these children require some level of therapeutic input and may be waiting for one or more interventions.

| CDNT | No. of Children Assigned and Accepted to the CDNT | No. of Clinical staff currently assigned to the CDNT | No. of Clinical staff currently employed to the CDNT |
|-------------|---|--|--|
| Enniscorthy | 87 waiting list + 423 open | 20.8 WTE | 8.8 WTE |
| Wexford | 112 on waiting list + 246 open | 18.44 WTE | 13.54 WTE |
| New Ross | 65 waiting list + 201 open | 11.05 WTE | 6.5 WTE |
| Gorey | 84 waiting list + 209 open | 12.06 WTE | 3.26 WTE |



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Fitzgerald', written in a cursive style.

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