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Ms. Verona Murphy TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**PQ 33942/23**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to detail the current staffing levels for the CDNTs in New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey, Wexford, and all in County Wexford; the current vacancies in each of the CDNTs listed; 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.*

Current staffing levels for CDNT - Network 8 New Ross:

CDNT	WTE Allocation	Current Vacancies
Network 8 New Ross	11.05 WTE	Clinical Nurse Manager - 0.8 WTE Dietician - 1.0 WTE Speech & Language Therapist - 2.0 WTE Childrens Disability Network Manager - 0.75 WTE <b>Total: 4.55 WTE</b>

Current staffing levels for CDNT Network 11 Enniscorthy:

CDNT	WTE Allocation	Current Vacancies
Network 11 Enniscorthy	23.80 WTE	Physiotherapist - 1.0 WTE Speech & Language Therapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Dietician - 1.5 WTE Senior Medical Social Worker - 3.0 WTE Senior Occupational Therapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Physiotherapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Speech & Language Therapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Clinical Psychologist - 0.5 WTE <b>Total: 10.0 WTE</b>



Current Staffing levels for CDNT Network 9 Gorey:

CDNT	WTE Allocation	Current Vacancies
Network 9 Gorey	12.09 WTE	Senior Dietitian - 0.5 WTE Senior Occupational Therapist - 1.0 WTE Clinical Nurse Manager 2 - 0.5 WTE Speech & Language Therapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Clinical Psychologist - 0.8 WTE Senior Physiotherapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Speech & Language Therapist - 2.0 WTE Clinical Psychologist - 1.0 WTE Senior Medical Social Worker - 1.0 WTE  <b>Total: 8.8 WTE</b>

Current staffing levels for CDNT Network 10 Wexford:

CDNT	WTE Allocation	Current Vacancies
Network 10 Wexford	18.44 WTE	Occupational Therapist - 1.0 WTE Senior Speech & Language Therapist - 1.0 WTE Speech & Language Therapist - 1.5 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist - 0.4 WTE Children's Disability Network Manager - 1.0 WTE  <b>Total: 4.9 WTE</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. SECH continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledge that waiting times for CDNT service at this time 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 CDNT's.

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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