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**PQ/34745/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on the recruitment of speech and language therapist positions at a centre (Safari Club Castlebar); and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Dillon,

I refer to PQ/34745/23 uploaded to the PAD System and due for response on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth “for an update in the recruitment of speech and language therapist positions at a centre (Safari Club Castlebar) and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that under the PDS model, Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) reconfigured in Mayo in January 2022.

The recruitment and retention of staff in Children’s Disability Network Teams is a priority of the HSE & associated lead agencies.

Regarding Children’s Disability Network Team 3 that is based in Safari Castlebar the following outlines the Speech & Language positions assigned to the team:

1 WTE post is filled
1 WTE post pending start date 24 <sup>th</sup> July
1 WTE post pending start date 11 <sup>th</sup> September
1 WTE post that has been offered to panel on specific purpose contract duration
0.5 WTE post that is unfilled at this time with active recruitment to fill

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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