



30th June 2023

Deputy Denis Naughten
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 29350/23 – “To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of vacant roles in occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology broken down by discipline in each CDNT in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

The following table details the vacant posts in each of the 7 Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT) in Community Healthcare East:

	CDNT1	CDNT2	CDNT3	CDNT4	CDNT5	CDNT6	CDNT7
Occupational Therapy	1	4	6.22	3	3.1	2	1
Psychology	0.5	2	1.5	2.7	2.17	0	0
Physiotherapy	0.5	1.8	0.8	2	0.8	1.04	0
Speech & Language Therapy	1	3.84	4	1.92	0	1	3
Social Work	2.5	0.5	0	1	1	0	0

Enable Ireland (EI) are the lead agency for 6 of the 7 CDNTs. EI have a number of ongoing recruitment campaigns where vacancies exist across the teams. All vacancies are advertised on the EI website and Irish Jobs with some advertising on the discipline specific member sites and have advertised in the UK. EI will be running the Graduate Therapy Programme this year with the aim of recruiting new graduates pending CORU registration initially as Therapy Assistants and then on receipt of CORU they will be employed as graduate therapists in their relevant discipline.



Please be assured that every effort is being made to recruit to fill the vacant posts.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anna Meegan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Meegan
General Manager, Disability Services