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Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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Dublin 2

**Ref: PQ 29616/23**

**Re:** *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current staffing position of CDNT1 in Brú Caoimhín, Dublin 8, and CDNT 3 at Armagh Road, Dublin 12; the vacancies that exist; the length of time those positions are vacant; and whether private services have been contracted to address a growing waiting lists for each of the services meant to be offered by the Community Disability Network Teams.”*

**- Aengus Ó Snodaigh**

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**Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

I requested Acting Children’s Disability Network Manager for the Children’s Disability Network Team 1 and the Acting Children’s Disability Network Manager for the Children’s Disability Network Team 3 to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

### Children's Disability Network Team 1:

Discipline	Current WTE	Vacancies	Length of time those positions are vacant
Children's Disability Network Manager:		Current: on maternity leave. Acting manager, Senior OT from within the team.	
Speech and Language Therapists:	8.4 WTE	Vacant: 1.67 WTE vacancy closing date this week on Expression of interest for these campaigns	1 additional post due to new funding allocated for initiative 20/12/2022, 0.67 suppressed post due to changing working conditions for 2 other clinicians, new post as of July.
Occupational Therapists:	5 WTE	Vacant: 2 WTE (1 SPC to backfill acting manager successful, candidate being processed by CPL and HSE HR, 1 successful candidate being processed by HR for permanent vacancy)	1 additional post for OT for schools post (0.3 WTE for 3 disciplines combined for 1 Senior WTE OT post for recruitment, approved 23/04/2023) 1 post vacant due to commenced maternity leave 17/05/2023.
Psychologists:	3 WTE (2 permanent, 1 assistant on agency contract)		2 new posts funded by initiative and 0.8 WTE upgraded post from basic grade, vacant since of April 2023
Physiotherapy:	1 WTE	Vacant: 1 WTE (alternative recruitment via international recruitment commenced)	length of vacancy: 24/11/2022
Dietitian:		Vacant: 1 WTE (unable to fill, discussed at wider CHO level re: staffing of dietitians)	Length of vacancy: 2021
Social Work:	1.7WTE (1 Principal Social Worker on CIP, potentially returning over summer)		
Administration:	1 WTE grade 5	Vacant: 1 WTE grade 3 specified purpose contract, expression of interest closing this week	

Total staff: 20.1 WTE

Vacancy: 10.67 WTE

Private services have not been contracted to provide services in CDNT 1.

**Children's Disability Network Team 3:**

Discipline	Allocated WTE	In Post June 2023	Length of time those positions are vacant	Plan re Filling
Social Worker	1.3 WTE	.7WTE		1 WTE accepted post
Psychology	3.4 WTE	1.5 WTE		1 WTE due to start
Physio	2 WTE	Private Physio 2 Days a Week		2 WTE accepted posts
OT	3 WTE			
Children's Disability Network Manager	1 WTE	.2 (1 day per Week)		
	13.7 WTE	2.4 WTE		6 WTE

The approximate length of time some posts have been vacant in CDNT3 is up to 12 months for some posts. There is an acting CDNM in post currently who does not have the exact details. Recruitment campaigns are underway and every week clinical posts are being filled across the CDNTs.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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