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Mr. Johnny Guirke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 20302/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and speech and language therapists, respectively who are delivering services in County Meath, that is, not allocated, but actually on the ground delivering services, by number and percentage of the total, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

The tables below outline staffing number allocation, filled or vacant for each of the Childrens Disability Network Teams:

Childrens Services:

Children's Disability Network 2:

Post	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
<i>Occupational Therapist</i>	1	1	
<i>Occupational Therapist</i>	0.8	0.8	
<i>Occupational Therapist</i>	1	1	
<i>Occupational Therapist</i>	1	0	1
<i>Physiotherapist</i>	0.8	0.8	
<i>Physiotherapist</i>	1	0	1
<i>SLT</i>	1	1	
<i>SLT</i>	1	0	1



SLT	1	1	
SLT	0.6	0.6	
Psychologist	0.8	0.8	
Psychologist	1	1	
Psychologist	1	1	
SLT	1	0	1
Social Worker	1	0	1
Other	0.5	0	0.5
Nursing	1	0	1
Administration	1	1	
Administration	0.4	0	0.4
Total Posts allocated	16.9		
Total Posts vacant	6.9	40% of total vacant	

Children's Disability Network 4:

Post	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
PT	3.55	1	2.55
SLT	7.76	4	3.76
OT	6.31	2.53	3.78
Psychologists	4.86	2	2.86
Social Work	2	2	0
Nursing	1.5	1.5	0
Total Posts allocated	25.98		
	12.95	49% of total posts vacant	
Total Posts Vacant			



Children's Disability Network 5:

Post	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
Admin Clerical Grade III	1.80	0	1.80
Clerical Grade IV	0.60	0.60	0
Clinical Nurse Manager II	1.64	0.64	1.00
Clinical Nurse Manager II Behavioural	0.50	0.50	0.00
Social Worker, Team Leader	1.00	1.00	0.00
Occupational Therapist, Senior	5.10	3.10	2.00
Physiotherapist, Staff	1.00	0.00	1.00
Physiotherapist, Senior	1.99	1.30	.69
Psychologist, Senior	3.60	2.60	1.00
Psychologist, Staff	0.60	0.60	0.00
Speech & Language, Senior	5.20	2.80	2.40
Speech & Language, Staff	2.00	2.00	0.00
Total Posts allocated	25.03		
Total Posts Vacant	9.89	39% of total posts vacant	

Children's Disability Network 6:

Post	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
SLT	4.67	2.67	2
OT	5	2	3
PT	2.5	1	1.5
Psychologist	4	0	4
Assistant Psychologist	1	1	0
Behaviour Therapist	0.5	0	.5
Liaison Nurse	1	1	0



Social Worker	2	1	1
Total Posts allocated	20.67		
Total Posts Vacant	12	44% of total posts vacant	

Adult Disability Services

Post	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
Social Worker	1	0	1
Adult Team Co-Ordinator	1	1	0
CNM2	2	2	0
Occupational Therapist Senior	5	3	2
Physiotherapist Senior	2	2	0
Physiotherapist Basic	1	0	1
Psychologist Senior	1	1	0
Staff Nurse ID	0.8	0.8	0
Health Care Assistant	1	1	0
Occupational Therapist	1	1	0
Social Work Team Leader	1	1	0
Total posts allocated	16.8		
Total posts vacant	4	23% of total posts vacant	

CHO8 are experiencing significant recruitment challenges. These challenges are not unique to this CHO and are affecting many teams across the country and across many clinical disciplines, which is having an impact on service delivery.

The HSE is also currently actively engaged in various recruitment initiatives to fill vacant posts which will positively impact on waiting times for all disciplines.

Recruitment is a high priority and multiple competitions have and continue to take place in efforts to fill all vacancies. The national pool is limited and although every effort is being made to maximise this pool through links with colleges and universities, there remains a significant deficit nationally in many of the clinical professions.



To supplement the national pool, the HSE is continuing to source candidates through the international market. The HSE is supported in this recruitment initiative by international recruitment partners who will engage and recruit with interested applicants on behalf of the service and to HSE standards

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Broadbank'.

Carole Broadbank
Chief Officer
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