

23rd May, 2023

Mr. Denis Naughten, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 21797/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Paediatric physiotherapists are senior physiotherapists with a special interest and dedicated training in neuro and gross motor development and a proven record in assessing and treating babies; toddlers and children with these presentations. Staff grade physios can undertake training to work in this area with training; mentorship and supervision by a senior paediatric physio. Paediatric physiotherapists require experience in this specific field of clinical practice and concentrate on this area of practice.

The Community Paediatric Physiotherapy Service in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has 5 WTE (Whole Time Equivalent) vacancies at present.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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