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**PQ 21802/23** – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant physiotherapy roles in children's primary care services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter”* – **Denis Naughten TD**

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently 83.16 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) approved physiotherapy posts in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) primary care, of which 11.5 WTE are paediatric posts. There are currently 47.07 WTE physiotherapists in post, of which 6.16 WTE are paediatric staff. The CHO DNCC Physiotherapy service operates Monday to Friday with approximately 97 patients assessed each week.

There is one support staff member working to help the paediatric physiotherapists spend more time treating patients.

Within CHO DNCC, there are 36.09 WTE primary care physiotherapy vacancies of which 5.34 WTE are vacancies for paediatric physiotherapists. It is planned to fill these posts through a bespoke recruitment campaign commencing in June 2023. Healthcare, like many other sectors is facing significant challenges in recruiting and retaining staff. This is particularly acute for therapist roles, where there are more vacancies than suitably qualified candidates. CHO DNCC is making every effort to fill these vacant roles as quickly as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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