

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023.

Ms. Holly Cairns TD  
 Dáil Éireann  
 Dublin 2

**PQ ref 25011/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on an occupational therapist assigned to a school (details supplied) who was supposed to begin work on 1 May 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details supplied: Carrigaline Community Special School**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

In September 2022 a decision was made to reinstate on-site health supports in special schools. In this regard the HSE and the Lead Agencies delivering Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) across the country were allocated funding for additional therapy posts (26.0 in CHO 4,1.0 for Carrigaline) to provide services in special schools.

Vacant posts are being recruited through the CDNTs and will be fully aligned to the CDNT governance and management structures. Recruitment of Health & Social Care professionals across all disciplines is extremely challenging at this time which has contributed to delays in implementation nationwide. The Lead Agencies have on-going active recruitment campaigns to fill these vacancies and until these posts are filled there are extra demands on service provision and limited resources available to meet all needs.

The recruitment status for the posts allocated to Carrigaline Special School is as follows:

<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>WTE allocated</b>	<b>Wte filled</b>	<b>Status</b>
OT	Senior	0.33	0.33	Commenced on 2 May 2023
SLT	Senior	0.33	0.33	Commenced April 2023
Psychologist	Senior	0.33	0	Recruitment ongoing both internally and externally but CDNT have assigned Psychology to the school from existing CDNT resources.

CDNT 13 was allocated 1 WTE over 3 disciplines to deliver Child & Family Centred priority Goals for children attending CCSS. Additional resources are recruited to the CDNT and the individual clinicians assigned from the Team, from time to time may vary depending on the skillset required to address presenting issues.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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**Majella Daly,**  
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**Respite Services: CHO4  
- Cork**

Registration_Provider	Title	County	Service Type	Adult/ Child	Full/Part Time	Maximum Occupancy of Designated Centre	No of Respite Beds in Designated Centre	Can facility provide 1:1 care	No of people that used facility in 2021	No of people that used facility in 2022
RehabCare	Bantry Respite	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	4	6	n/a	155	147
Enable Ireland Disability Services Limited	Ard na Mara	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	5	6	n/a	126	188
Enable Ireland Disability Services Limited	Lavanagh House	Cork	Respite	Child	Part-time	3	3	n/a	7	116
Doorway to Life Ltd	Abode Doorway to Life CLG	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	2	3	n/a	6	27
COPE Foundation	Overall	Cork	Respite	Adult	Full-time	4	8	Yes, however would result in reduced service users on nights 1:1 facilitated n/a	640	644
					Part-time	5	13			
COPE Foundation	Overall	Cork	Respite	Child	Full-time	9	8	Yes, however would result in reduced service users on nights 1:1 facilitated	207	252
CoAction West Cork CLG	Skibbereen, Bantry, Castletownbere Residential	Cork	Respite	Adult	Full-time	5	8	Yes, however would result in reduced service users on nights 1:1 facilitated n/a	65	127
					Part-time	7	12			
CoAction West Cork CLG	Dunmanway Residential	Cork	Respite	Child	Part-time	3	3	n/a	66	78



Brothers of Charity Services Ireland CLG	Garretstown, No.2 Heather Park	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	5	7	n/a	115	217
Brothers of Charity Services Ireland CLG	Ban Laoi, No.1 Heather Park	Cork	Respite	Child	Full-time	2 to 3	6	n/a	119	162
St Joseph's Foundation	The Comhar Centre	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	1	1	n/a	15	15
	Cooleens House			Child		0	6		68	31
RehabGroup	Bantry Respite	Cork	Physical & Sensory	Adult	Part-time	8 Day 6 Night	6 Funded for 4	With additional funding	35	40
Praxis Care	Crobally House*	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	4	4	n/a	95	103

\*Due to an emergency situation that arose in September 2022 requiring a full time service user residential placement, respite provision at this facility has been more limited and which has caused distress for service users that had availed of more regular respite. Disability Services has requested and are awaiting a proposal from Praxis Care to provide an alternative residential placement for the resident who is currently in Crobally Respite House. Once this has been received and if within available funding, Disability Services are aiming to progress the necessary works with a view to re-opening the Respite House to its full capacity. Unfortunately we do not have a definite timeline at this stage.



**Respite Services: CHO 4 - Kerry**

Registration_Provider	Title	County	Service Type	Adult/ Child	Full/Part Time	Maximum Occupancy of Designated Centre	Number of Respite Beds in Designated Centre	Can Facility provide 1:1 care	Number of people that used facility in 2021	Number of people that used facility in 2022
Kerry Parents & Friends Assoc.	KPFA - Listowel - Tralee	Kerry	Respite	Adult	Full-time	8	8	yes	60	60
St John of God Community Services Company Limited By Guarantee	Saint John of God Kerry - North - South	Kerry	Overnight Respite	Adults	Full-time	5	4	Yes, however would result in reduced service users on nights 1:1 facilitated	5	5
				Children		4	4		47	45

