

6th June 2023

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Email: Cathal.Crowe@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ/25139/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he is aware of the current waiting lists for the Community Neuro Rehabilitation Team in CHO3, which are up to six months; and the plans in place to address the shortfall in staffing to this team to meet requirements.

Dear Deputy Crowe

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

The current wait list in the Mid-West Community Neuro Rehabilitation (CNRT) team is as follows:

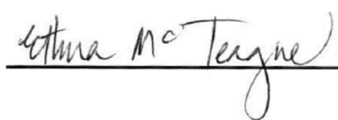
- 17 weeks for Priority 1 Urgent
- 34 weeks for Priority 1- Non Urgent

The following are vacant positions in the Mid-West CNRT:

- 1 x Staff Grade Occupational Therapy post currently in the final stages of the HSE HR recruitment process.
- 1 x Senior Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) which is being temporarily backfilled by a staff grade SLT working as a 0.6 WTE (i.e. 3 days per week) and will be offered to the national senior panel once it is formed.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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