

12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

Ms. Holly Cairns TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2

**PQ: 25840/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address staffing shortages on children's disability network teams in CHO 4."**

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.

Recruitment for Children's Disability Network Teams is ongoing by the lead agencies (COPE, Enable Ireland, CoAction, Brothers of Charity, St. Josephs Foundation) who hold their own recruitment process for all of their vacancies. Vacant posts are at various stages in the recruitment process – advertisement, interview, job offer or in some cases recruitment has been completed. Every effort is being made to recruit staff to these vacant posts including recruitment abroad initiatives.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to offer employment opportunities post training for graduates who have been with us on placement. Using Time Related savings, an offer of financial support for four final year psychology students was made available, with an offer of a post on completion of their training. While we had panelled a number of interested students, two have taken up the offer. We are also reconfiguring posts to higher grades to attract staff (using Time Related Savings).

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

Yours sincerely,



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