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**PQ 44693/23**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE behaviour therapists working in CDNT based in Galway in the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Funchion

I refer to PQ 44693/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and due for response on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "the number of WTE behaviour therapists working in CDNT based in Galway in the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position at the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Please be advised that there were no Behaviour Therapists employed directly in the CDNTs in Galway in 2022.

**2023**

CDNT	WTE allocated	Recruitment Status
CDNT 4	0.5	Recruitment commenced
CDNT 5	1	In post
CDNT 6	0.5	Post offered
CDNT 7	1	Recruitment commenced
CDNT 8	1	Recruitment commenced

Please note that in some instances during the period 2022/2023, Behaviour Support Therapists have been engaged by Community Healthcare West and our agency partners through private arrangements or on a consultancy basis to support children, young persons and their families in times of crisis.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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