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Mr Alan Farrell, TD,
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PQ 46102/23 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children are on the waiting list for the CDNT in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter."* **Alan Farrell TD**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The number of children on the waiting list across the 12 Children's Disability Network Team's (CDNTs) in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) at end of September 2023 stands at 2,873.

CHO DNCC CDNTs are experiencing a number of challenges, in particular recruitment and retention of key health services staff. Unfortunately, there are more positions vacant than qualified staff available nationally and internationally. CHO DNCC is experiencing vacancies ranging from 20-50% across the 12 CDNTs.

CHO DNCC Disability Services with lead agencies have taken a number of measures to fill staff vacancies. This includes local and international recruitment campaigns, attending job fairs, advertisement through recruitment agencies, contacts with third level institutions to target graduates and advertising on professional body websites. These initiatives have been quite successful with a number of candidates interviewed and offered positions within CHO DNCC CDNT's, whilst further interviews are continually ongoing.

CHO DNCC Disability Services are constantly working to improve the waiting time for the CDNT's and every effort is being made to address this matter.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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