



29th May 2024

Mr. Matt Carthy, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
D02 XR20

Re: PQ Ref 7747/24 – CDNT Occupational Therapy Services, County Monaghan

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children in County Monaghan currently receiving OT services through the CDNT; the number therein that require additional hours; the number therein that receive this service through an outsourced or private body; his proposals to increase the level of OT services provided in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

– Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that the number of children in County Monaghan who are currently receiving Occupational Therapy (OT) services through the Monaghan Children’s Disability Network Team (CDNT) as of the month of May are as follows:

- 115 children receiving Occupational Therapy intervention from CDNT Monaghan;
- An additional 25 children have been outsourced for Occupational Therapy intervention;
- 253 children are waiting Occupational Therapy intervention;
- 200 children are sitting on the inactive caseload, but may require Occupational Therapy services in the future.

The Monaghan CDNT has recently recruited 0.8 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of their Senior Occupational Therapist posts and the team has received Human Resources confirmation that their Staff Grade Occupational Therapy post has been accepted by a candidate on the recruitment panel. These recent backfills will assist with managing the waiting time for children requiring Occupational Therapy within the team.

The Monaghan CDNT Occupational Therapy Staffing levels are as follows:

Discipline	WTE	Occupied/Vacant
Senior Occupational Therapist	1	Occupied
Senior Occupational Therapist	0.8	Occupied
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Staff Grade Occupational therapist	1	Occupied
Staff Grade Occupational therapist	1	Vacant
Staff Grade Occupational therapist	1	Vacant



The Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) and senior HSE Disability Services Management continue their active engagement with the Humans Resources (HR) department in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) to fill all vacant posts in HSE CDNTs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CH CDLMS
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar CDLMS