

17th April 2024

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ ref 7865/24

“To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the community neurorehabilitation team in CHO1 is operating with less than a third of the minimum recommended staffing; his plans to address this understaffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Doherty

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 Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare, Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The table below provides a breakdown of the staff, by profession, on the Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) in Donegal. The whole time equivalent (WTE) for the CNRT in Donegal is four clinical staff and 14 hours of administrative support weekly. There are currently two clinical vacancies; hence the team is operating with 50% clinical staffing.

Breakdown of staff on the Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team in Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo			
Category of Post	Number of Staff in Post	Number of Vacant Posts	Current Status of Vacant Posts
Physiotherapy	1	0	N/A
Occupational Therapy	1	0	N/A
Speech and Language Therapy	0	1	A recruitment campaign is currently underway to fill this position.
Neuro-Psychology	0	1	Derogation approval is awaited for this position. When this is received, recruitment for this position can commence.
Administrative Support	1 (14 hours per week)	0	N/A



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'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Edel Quinn
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Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
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