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Seirbhísí Míchumais Náisiúnta
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 9262/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of WTE clinical nurse specialists in behaviours of concern working within CHO3 and 5 in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form.

HSE Response

Disability services are provided based on the needs and requirements of the individual. Sometimes persons with disabilities may display behaviours that cause worry and concern. These are known as 'behaviours of concern' or 'responsive behaviours'. These may be actions, words or gestures in response to something important in the person's personal, social or physical environment. Examples include: self-injury, emotional outbursts, aggression towards others or other inappropriate behaviours.

While some behaviours may be displayed by people regardless of their condition, they can be more common when a person is living with dementia, intellectual disability, mental health difficulties, substance use, autism and/or other neurological disorders.

A behaviour of concern can be viewed as a behaviour which has a jeopardising effect on the safety and/or wellbeing of the individual or on others.

Carers and Staff can receive information and training in the management of behaviours of concern including training such as de-escalation intervention techniques and positive behaviour supports.



With regard to the question asked regarding the number of WTE clinical nurse specialists in behaviours of concern working within CHO3 and 5 in 2023 and to-date in 2024 both Community Healthcare Area 3 and Community Healthcare Area 5 have responded.

HSE CHO 3 disability services inform that they do not have any Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) in behaviours of concern working within CHO3.

HSE CHO 5 disability services advises the following information:

Adults

1 CNS

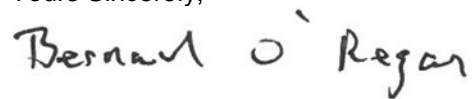
1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Children

1 CNS 0-6 year olds (not specifically behaviour)

There are no other Clinical Nurse Specialists. All other nurses in this area are Clinical Nurse Manager 2s.

Yours Sincerely,



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Community Operations

