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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of children on the waiting list for CDNT services in County Wexford in each of the four Wexford CDNTs; the number of clinical staff currently assigned to the CDNT in County Wexford; the number of clinical staff currently employed to the CDNT in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Unless referred with Priority 1 need for urgent intervention the approximate wait times for children is between 1 and 32 months. There are different wait times for different clinicians depending on the priority rating of the child. For intervention it is not possible to quantify a waiting time as children receive some intervention but are waiting for other intervention.

The overall count of children assigned to the CDNTs in Wexford is as follows:

CDNT	Children Assigned
Network 8 New Ross	281
Network 9 Gorey	328
Network 10 Wexford	379
Network 11 Enniscorthy	434

The number of clinical staff currently assigned and the number of clinical staff currently employed to the CDNTs in County Wexford is as follows:

CDNT	No. of clinical staff currently assigned	No. of clinical staff currently employed
Network 8 New Ross	9.54 WTE	3.34 WTE
Network 9 Gorey	10.30 WTE	4.5 WTE (3.9 working with parental leave considered)
Network 10 Wexford	17.19 WTE	9.30 WTE
Network 11 Enniscorthy	20.80 WTE	9.80 WTE

As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. SECH continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are particularly stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Paula Dwan
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