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To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists employed in the children community services in County Carlow; the number of vacancies that exist; his plans to recruit additional occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Jennifer,

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.

Primary Care Services are now delivered via Community Healthcare Networks (CHN). Community Health Network 1 covers the geographical area of County Carlow, with the exception of Borris which falls under Community Health Network 2.

Currently in Community Health Network 1 the current approved Occupational Therapy staffing resource for Paediatrics in this area is 1.6 whole time equivalent. Current resources filled are 1.2wte with a 0.4wte vacancy.

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

Yours sincerely,


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