

1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Ms. Marie Sherlock, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 15074/ 25**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of health and social care professional positions approved, and the number of social care professional positions filled, in each Cork city CDNT, from 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) have been established to provide services and supports for children with complex disability needs within a defined geographic area. Each CDNT is under the governance of a lead agency which is a Section 38 or Section 39 service provider. HSE South West works closely with the CDNT lead agencies with regard to the management of these teams.

The HSE and its Section 38 and Section 39 Lead Agencies are operating in a very competitive global market for healthcare talent, as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals across the globe. This is impacting on the filling of posts and as such impacts on full delivery of service to families. HSE South West Disability Services in conjunction with the lead agencies continue to make all efforts to fill posts as quickly as possible and put any measures possible in place to minimise the impact on children and their families.

Cork City CDNT Health and Social Care Professional posts, approved and filled, are outlined in the tables in the appendix to this letter.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Angela O'Neill,  
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## Appendix 1

Table 1							
East Cork City (CDNT 7) covering Cobh/ Glanmire/ Riverstown/ Carrigtwohill)		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Brothers of Charity Southern Services	Speech & Language Therapy	5.80	3.80	6.80	2.60	6.80	2.60
	Occupational Therapy	5.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	5.00
	Psychology	3.60	2.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60
	Physiotherapy	2.30	2.30	2.30	1.30	2.30	1.30
	Social Work	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
	Nursing	1.20	0.50	1.20	0.50	1.20	0.50
	Dietetics						
		20.90	17.20	22.90	15.00	22.90	16.00

Table2							
Central Cork (CDNT 8) covering Mayfield/ Montenotte/ Tivoli/ The Glen/ Blackpool/ Carrignavar/ St. Patrick's		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Horizons (formerly COPE)	Speech & Language Therapy	5.80	3.80	6.80	2.80	6.80	4.80
	Occupational Therapy	4.50	2.00	6.50	3.00	6.50	3.00
	Psychology	3.50	1.00	3.50	2.00	3.50	1.00
	Physiotherapy	3.60	2.00	3.60	3.00	3.60	3.00
	Social Work	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
	Nursing	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Dietetics	1.50	0.50	1.50	0.50	1.50	0.50
		22.90	12.80	25.90	15.30	25.90	16.30

Table 3							
North Cork City & Blarney (CDNT 9) covering Blarney/ Sunday's Well/ City Centre/ Fairhill/ Faranree/ Gurranaברה/ Knocknaheeny		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Horizons (formerly COPE)	Speech & Language Therapy	3.00	1.90	3.00	1.90	3.00	1.90
	Occupational Therapy	3.00	2.40	3.00	2.60	3.00	2.60
	Psychology	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
	Physiotherapy	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
	Social Work	1.55	0.80	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
	Nursing	0.93	0.00	0.93	0.93	0.93	0.93
	Dietetics	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		12.98	9.60	12.98	10.48	12.98	11.48



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Table 4							
South East Cork City (CDNT 11) covering Douglas/ Blackrock/ Mahon/ Passage West/ Ballinlough		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Speech & Language Therapy	5.80	1.64	6.80	6.37	6.80	6.37
	Occupational Therapy	5.00	2.66	6.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
	Psychology	3.80	0.80	3.80	3.60	3.80	3.60
	Physiotherapy	3.22	1.22	3.22	3.02	3.22	3.02
	Social Work	2.50	2.00	2.50	1.00	2.50	1.00
	Nursing	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
	Dietetics	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		20.82	8.32	22.82	17.49	22.82	18.49

Table 5							
West Central Cork (CDNT 12) covering Ballincollig/ Bishopstown/ Macroom/ Ovens/ Wilton/ Crookstown		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Speech & Language Therapy	7.30	2.60	8.30	6.40	8.30	6.70
	Occupational Therapy	7.12	5.92	8.12	5.32	8.12	7.12
	Psychology	3.70	1.60	3.70	2.60	3.70	3.30
	Physiotherapy	3.50	2.50	3.50	2.00	3.50	2.00
	Social Work	4.30	3.40	3.50	2.14	3.50	2.14
	Nursing	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
	Dietetics	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		26.42	16.02	27.62	18.96	27.62	21.76

Table 6							
Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon (Crosshaven) (CDNT 13)		DEC 2023		DEC 2024		FEB 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Brothers of Charity Southern Services	Speech & Language Therapy	6.00	3.40	7.63	4.43	7.63	4.43
	Occupational Therapy	5.12	3.36	5.65	4.35	5.65	3.33
	Psychology	4.80	3.20	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.13
	Physiotherapy	2.50	1.50	2.58	1.50	2.58	1.50
	Social Work	2.50	1.75	2.06	2.06	2.06	2.06
	Nursing	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Dietetics	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		21.92	14.21	23.05	17.47	23.05	16.45

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Table 7							
<b>South Cork City (CDNT 14) covering Turners Cross/ Grange/ Frankfield/ Togher/ Ballyphehane/ Greenmount/ The Lough/ Lehenaghbeg</b>		<b>DEC 2023</b>		<b>DEC 2024</b>		<b>FEB 2025</b>	
<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Grade Group</b>	<b>Approved WTEs</b>	<b>Filled WTEs</b>	<b>Approved WTEs</b>	<b>Filled WTEs</b>	<b>Approved WTEs</b>	<b>Filled WTEs</b>
Enable Ireland	Speech & Language Therapy	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.50	3.00	3.00
	Occupational Therapy	2.40	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
	Psychology	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
	Physiotherapy	1.50	0.50	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.00
	Social Work	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Nursing	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
	Dietetics	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		<b>11.86</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>10.96</b>	<b>9.96</b>	<b>10.96</b>	<b>10.46</b>