

1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 18815/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of roles sanctioned and number filled, by discipline, in CDNTs in Cork, in tabular form.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The HSE South West Children’s Disability Service has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT’s) 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. The HSE South West works closely with the CDNT lead agencies.

The HSE and its Section 38 and Section 39 lead agencies are operating in a very competitive global market for healthcare talent. As you are aware, there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals across the globe. This is impacting on the filling of posts and as such impacts on the full delivery of services to families. HSE South West Children’s Disability Services, in conjunction with the Cork lead agencies, continue to make every effort to fill posts as quickly as possible and ensure measures, are in place to minimise the impact on children and their families.

CDNT staffing complements are outlined in the tables in the appendix. These tables provide details of posts approved and filled.

If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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## Appendix

**Table 1: North West Cork Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT4) Staffing Resource**

North West Cork (CDNT 4) covering: Charleville/ Buttevant/ Kanturk/ Mallow/ Millstreet/ Newmarket		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
St. Josephs Foundation	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.00	3.00
	Nursing	0.90	0.90
	Occupational Therapy	5.00	4.00
	Other Disciplines	4.13	3.49
	Physiotherapy	2.89	2.69
	Psychology	4.50	4.00
	Social Workers	3.00	3.00
	Speech & Language Therapy	6.10	6.10
	Therapy Assistants	2.00	1.65
		<b>31.52</b>	<b>28.83</b>

**Table 2: North East Cork Childrens Disability Network Team (CDNT5) Staffing Resource**

North East Cork (CDNT 5) covering: Castlelyons/ Fermoy/ Mitchelstown		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
St. Josephs Foundation	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.00	2.90
	Nursing	1.00	0.90
	Occupational Therapy	2.00	1.20
	Other Disciplines	1.29	1.29
	Physiotherapy	2.00	1.60
	Psychology	2.91	2.51
	Social Workers	2.00	1.00
	Speech & Language Therapy	2.00	0.80
	Therapy Assistants	1.00	1.00
		<b>17.20</b>	<b>13.20</b>

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**Table 3: East Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 6) Staffing Resource**

East Central Cork (CDNT 6) covering: Midleton/ Youghal		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Horizons (formerly COPE Foundation)	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.03	3.03
	Nursing	1.00	
	Occupational Therapy	3.00	3.00
	Other Disciplines	0.73	
	Physiotherapy	2.00	1.60
	Psychology	2.83	2.83
	Social Workers	1.80	1.80
	Speech & Language Therapy	2.64	2.64
	Therapy Assistants		
		<b>17.03</b>	<b>14.90</b>

**Table 4: East Cork City Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 7) Staffing Resource**

East Cork City (CDNT 7) coveringCobh/ Glanmire/ Riverstown/ Carrigtwohill		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Brothers of Charity Southern Services	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.47	1.77
	Nursing	1.20	0.50
	Occupational Therapy	6.00	5.00
	Other Disciplines	1.00	1.00
	Physiotherapy	2.30	1.30
	Psychology	3.60	3.60
	Social Workers	3.00	2.80
	Speech & Language Therapy	6.80	1.80
	Therapy Assistants	1.00	1.00
		<b>28.37</b>	<b>18.77</b>

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**Table 5: Central Cork Childrens Disability Network Team (CDNT 8) Staffing Resource**

Central Cork (CDNT 8) covering Mayfield/ Montenotte/ Tivoli/ The Glen/ Blackpool/ Carrignavar/ St. Patricks		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Horizons (formerly COPE Foundation)	Dietitians	1.50	0.50
	Management / Admin	4.50	2.75
	Nursing	1.00	1.00
	Occupational Therapy	6.50	4.00
	Other Disciplines	0.80	
	Physiotherapy	3.60	3.00
	Psychology	3.50	1.00
	Social Workers	3.00	3.00
	Speech & Language Therapy	6.80	5.80
	Therapy Assistants	2.00	2.00
		<b>33.20</b>	<b>23.05</b>

**Table 6: North Cork City & Blarney Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 9) Staffing Resource**

North Cork City & Blarney (CDNT 9) covering Blarney/ Sundays Well/ City Centre/ Fairhill/ Faranree/ Gurranaברה/ Knocknaheeny		CDNT STAFFING March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Horizons (formerly COPE Foundation)	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	2.50	2.50
	Nursing	0.93	0.93
	Occupational Therapy	3.00	2.60
	Other Disciplines	0.50	0.50
	Physiotherapy	1.50	1.50
	Psychology	3.00	3.00
	Social Workers	1.55	1.55
	Speech & Language Therapy	3.40	1.90
	Therapy Assistants		
		<b>16.38</b>	<b>14.48</b>

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**Table 7: West Cork Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 10) Staffing Resource**

West Cork (CDNT 10) covering Beara/ Bantry/ Mizen/ Drimoleague/ Dunmanway/ Ballineen/ Roscarberry/ Skibbereen/ Clonakilty		CDNT STAFF March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
CoAction	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.50	3.50
	Nursing	3.05	3.05
	Occupational Therapy	4.90	3.98
	Other Disciplines		
	Physiotherapy	3.20	2.40
	Psychology	4.67	2.87
	Social Workers	0.50	0.50
	Speech & Language Therapy	5.83	4.56
	Therapy Assistants	1.00	1.00
		<b>26.65</b>	<b>21.86</b>

**Table 8: South East Cork City Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 11) Staffing Resource**

South East Cork City (CDNT 11) covering Douglas/ Blackrock/ Mahon/ Passage West/ Ballinlough		CDNT STAFFING March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	4.50	3.50
	Nursing	0.50	0.50
	Occupational Therapy	6.80	4.00
	Other Disciplines	2.23	1.85
	Physiotherapy	3.22	2.52
	Psychology	3.80	3.60
	Social Workers	2.50	1.00
	Speech & Language Therapy	6.00	5.57
	Therapy Assistants	3.77	2.89
		<b>33.32</b>	<b>25.43</b>



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**Table 9: West Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 12) Staffing Resource**

West Central Cork (CDNT 12) covering Ballincollig/ Bishopstown/ Macroom/ Ovens/ Wilton/ Crookstown		CDNT STAFFING March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.32	3.32
	Nursing	0.50	0.50
	Occupational Therapy	8.12	7.12
	Other Disciplines	1.80	1.80
	Physiotherapy	3.50	1.00
	Psychology	3.70	3.30
	Social Workers	3.50	1.80
	Speech & Language Therapy	8.30	5.70
	Therapy Assistants	3.00	2.90
		<b>35.74</b>	<b>27.44</b>

**Table 10: Carrigaline, Kinsale, Bandon Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 13) Staffing Resource**

Carrigaline Kinsale/ Bandon (CDNT 13) covering Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon (Crosshaven)		CDNT STAFFING March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Dietitians		
	Management / Admin	3.06	2.56
	Nursing	1.00	1.00
	Occupational Therapy	5.65	3.33
	Other Disciplines	3.17	0.67
	Physiotherapy	2.58	1.50
	Psychology	4.13	4.13
	Social Workers	2.06	1.06
	Speech & Language Therapy	7.63	4.43
	Therapy Assistants	1.50	0.50
		<b>30.78</b>	<b>19.18</b>

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**Table 11: South Cork City Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 14) Staffing Resource**

South Cork City (CDNT 14) covering Turners Cross/ Grange/ Frankfield/ Togher/ Ballypheane/ Greenmount/ The Lough/ Lehenaghbeg		CDNT STAFFING March 2025	
Lead Agency	Grade Group	Approved WTEs	Filled WTEs
Enable Ireland	Dietitians	1.00	1.00
	Management / Admin	2.25	2.25
	Nursing	0.46	0.46
	Occupational Therapy	2.00	2.00
	Other Disciplines	1.76	1.76
	Physiotherapy	1.50	1.00
	Psychology	2.00	2.00
	Social Workers	1.00	1.00
	Speech & Language Therapy	3.00	3.00
	Therapy Assistants	2.46	2.00
		<b>17.43</b>	<b>16.47</b>