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Re: PQ 20447/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the details of recruitment drives undertaken for the children's disability network teams in each integrated health area of the mid west regional health area for the years 2023, 2024 and as of 1 April 2025-namely, the date each post was advertised, the discipline and grade of the post, whether the post had been offered and accepted and, where applicable, the date a candidate had commenced in post.

Dear Deputy Quaide,

Thank you for taking my call on Wednesday 23rd May 2025 to clarify the details of this query. As advised, there has been no restriction on the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in recruiting approved posts. Each of the 8 CDNTs have been actively engaged with recurring ongoing recruitment campaigns.

At times teams are challenged to fill posts due to the following:

- Unavailability of clinical staff applying for posts
- The pay parity between Section 39 and HSE/Section 38's staff

As agreed I outline below the current approved posts for CDNTs and current vacancies:

South City CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
Health and Social Care Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	1.75	1.75	
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1.4	1.4	
Physiotherapist	1	1	
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1	
Social Work Practitioner, Senior	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	2	2	
TOTAL	8.15	8.15	0



East Limerick CDNT Population : 53,296			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
Occupational Therapist, Senior	3.1	3.1	
Occupational Therapist	1	1	
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1.75	1	0.75
Physiotherapist	1	1	
Physiotherapist, Senior	3	2	1
Play Therapist, Senior	1.81	1.61	0.2
Psychologist, Clinical	1		1
Psychologist, Principal Clinical	0.5		0.5
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	2	1.8	0.2
Psychologist, Senior Educational	1	0.6	0.4
Psychology Assistant	2	1	1
Social Work Practitioner, Senior	0.5	0.5	
Social Worker, Principal	1	1	
Social Worker, Team Leader	1	0.5	0.5
Speech & Language Therapist	1.5	1.5	
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	3	2	1
Staff Nurse - General	0.4	0.4	
Clinical Nurse Specialist (Children's)	2.66	1.74	
(Non-HSE) Montessori Teacher	1	1	
TOTAL	29.22	21.75	6.55

North Tipperary CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
(Non-HSE) Early Intervention Educator	1		1
(Non-HSE) Health and Social Care Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	1.6	1.6	
(Non-HSE) Health and Social Care Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	0.65	0.65	
Clinical Nurse Manager 1	1.6	1.6	
Family Support Worker	0.52	0.52	
Occupational Therapist	3.6	3.6	



Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist	0.3	0.3	
Occupational Therapist, Senior	2.9	1.8	1.1
Physiotherapist, Senior	3	2.5	0.5
Psychologist, Clinical	3	1	2
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1	
Psychologist, Senior Educational	2	2	
Psychology Assistant	2	2	
Social Work Practitioner, Senior	2.6	1.8	0.8
Social Worker	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist	2	1	1
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	3	2.8	0.2
Staff Nurse, Senior (General)	0.3	0.3	0
TOTAL	32.07	25.47	6.6

Blackberry Park CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
Health and Social Care Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	0.8	0.8	
Health Care Assistant	1	1	
Occupational Therapist	2.1	1.4	0.7
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1.5	1	0.5
Physiotherapist, Senior	1.4	0.8	0.6
Psychologist, Educational	1	1	
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	3	1.4	1.6
Social Worker	1	0.8	0.2
Social Worker, Senior Medical	1.5	1.5	
Speech & Language Therapist	2	1.6	0.4
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	3	2.8	0.2
TOTAL	18.3	14.1	4.2



Treehouse CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
Occupational Therapist	0	0	
Occupational Therapist, Senior	5.91	5.91	
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	1	
Physiotherapist, Senior	3.06	3.06	
Physiotherapy Assistant	0.75	0.75	
Psychologist, Clinical	2	1	1
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	3	3	
Social Worker	2	2	
Social Worker, Team Leader	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist	1.8	1.8	
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	4	4	
Speech & Language Therapy Assistant	1	1	
TOTAL	25.52	24.52	1

West Limerick CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
Occupational Therapist	2	2	
Occupational Therapist, Senior	2	1.8	0.2
Physiotherapist, Senior	2	1	1
Play Therapist, Senior	1	0.8	0.2
Psychologist, Educational	1	0.8	0.2
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1	
Psychologist, Senior Educational	1	1	
Psychology Assistant	2	2	
Social Care Worker	1	1	
Social Work Practitioner, Senior	0.5	0.5	
Social Worker	1	1	
Social Worker, Team Leader	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist	2	1.8	0.2
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	2	2	
Speech & Language Therapy Assistant	0.75	0.75	
TOTAL	20.25	18.45	1.8



Clare West CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
(Non-HSE) Early Intervention Educator	2	1.8	0.2
Health and Social Care Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	1	1	
Occupational Therapist	1.1	0.5	0.6
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1.5	0.5	1
Physiotherapist	1		1
Physiotherapist, Senior	1.5	1.5	
Psychologist, Educational	1	1	
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	3	3	
Social Work Practitioner, Senior	1	1	
Social Worker	2	1.8	0.2
Speech & Language Therapist	3	3	
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	3	1.6	1.4
Staff Nurse (Children's)	1	1	
TOTAL	22.1	17.7	4.4
Clare East CDNT			
Discipline/Grade	Approved posts	Filled Posts	Vacant posts
(Non-HSE) Early Intervention Educator	0.8	0.6	0.2
Dietitian	1		1
Dietitian, Senior	1		1
Occupational Therapist	0.5		0.5
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1.5	1.5	
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.5		0.5
Physiotherapist, Senior	1.6	1.6	
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	2	2	
Social Worker	0.5		0.5
Social Worker, Team Leader	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist	1	1	
Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1.6	1.6	0
TOTAL	13	9.3	3.7



I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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