

1st May 2025

Mr. Liam Quaide, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 21030/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the vacancy rate for physiotherapists for each children's disability network team in CHO4, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

There are 14 Children's Disability Network Teams within the HSE South West geographical area and these are managed by lead agencies; Brothers of Charity Southern Services (Section 38), CoAction, West Cork (Section 39), Horizons (Section 38), Enable Ireland (Section 39) and St. Joseph's Foundation (Section 39).

Recruitment campaigns for Children's Disability Network Teams are under the direction of these agencies, with support from HSE South West. Vacancies will arise due to statutory leave entitlements (maternity, parental) and HSE policies (sick leave, career breaks etc.). While leave entitlements will impact on service delivery, every effort is being made to recruit staff to vacant posts.

The table in the appendix provides the current approved, vacant and filled physiotherapy posts in Children's Disability Network Teams across Cork and Kerry.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
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Appendix:

Table1: Children's Disability Network Teams Physiotherapy (PT) Posts Approved, Vacant and Filled

CDNT	Name	Catchment area	Lead Agency	Approved PT WTE	Filled PT WTE	%	Filled post & PT currently on leave	%	Vacant PT WTE	%
CDNT 1	North Kerry	Listowel/ Castleisland	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 2	West Kerry	Trelee/ Dingle	Enable Ireland	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 3	South Kerry	Iveragh/ Kenmare/ Sneem/ Killorglin/ Killarney	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.10	2.10	100%				
CDNT 4	Northwest Cork	Charleville/ Buttevant/ Kanturk/ Mallow /Millstreet /Newmarket	St. Joseph's Foundation	3.20	3.00	94%	0.20	6%		
CDNT 5	Northeast Cork	Castletelyons/ Fermoy/ Mitchelstown	St. Joseph's Foundation	2.00	1.60	80%	0.40	20%		
CDNT 6	East Central Cork	Midleton/ Youghal	Horizons	2.00	1.60	80%	0.40	20%		
CDNT 7	East Cork City	Cobh/ Glanmire/ Riverstown/ Carrigtohill	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.30	1.30	57%	1.00	43%		
CDNT 8	Central Cork	Mayfield/ Montenotte/ Tivoli/ The Glen/ Blackpool/ Carrignavar/ St. Patrick's	Horizons	3.60	3.00	83%			0.6	17%
CDNT 9	North Cork City & Blarney	Blarney/ Sunday's Well/ City Centre/ Fairhill/ Faranree/ Gurranaברה/ Knocknaheeny	Horizons	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 10	West Cork	Beara/ Bantry/ Mizen/ Drimoleague/ Dunmanway/ Balineer/ Roscarberry/ Skibbereen/ Clonakilty	CoAction	3.20	2.40	75%	0.30	9%	0.5	16%
CDNT 11	South East Cork City	Douglas/ Blackrock/ Mahon/ Passage West/ Ballinlough	Enable Ireland	3.22	2.52	78%	0.20	6%	0.5	16%
CDNT 12	West Central Cork	Ballincollig/ Bishopstown/ Macroom/ Ovens/ Wilton/ Crookstown	Enable Ireland	4.00	1.50	38%	1.00	25%	1.5	38%
CDNT 13	Carrigaline / Kinsale/ Bandon	Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon (Crosshaven)	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.58	1.50	58%			1.08	42%
CDNT 14	South Cork City	Turners Cross/ Grange/ Frankfield/ Togher/ Ballyphehane/ Greenmount/ The Lough/ Lehenaghbeg	Enable Ireland	1.50	1.00	67%	0.50	33%		
Totals				34.20	26.02	76%	4.00	12%	4.18	12%

