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Mr Micheál Carrigy T.D.,
Leinster House
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 2604/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current number of professional staff vacancies within the Phoenix Centre/Longford Primary Care Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) Longford and Central Westmeath provide supports from their base in the Phoenix Centre. There are currently 3.9 whole time equivalent (wte) vacant posts with the team as outlined below.

Grade	Vacant WTE
Clinical Psychologist	1.4
Senior Physiotherapist	0.2
Clinical Nurse Manager 2	0.8
Senior Speech and Language Therapist	1
Social Care Leader	0.5

The HSE continues to strive to fill vacant posts, however it is not possible to provide a timeframe when they will be filled as this is dependent on a number of factors including actual panels for a profession being in place, individuals on a panel being interested in taking up a post etc.

In response to your query on Longford Primary Care, I can confirm that there are currently a number of professional staff vacant posts in the Longford & Central Westmeath Primary Care Services as listed in below table.



Grade	Vacant WTE
Staff Grade Physiotherapist	1.0 WTE
Staff Grade Speech & Language Therapist	1.0 WTE
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	0.6 WTE
Staff Grade Occupational Therapist	1.0 WTE
Senior Occupational Therapist	1.0 WTE
Staff Grade Dietitian	1.0 WTE
Senior Dietitian	1.0 WTE

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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