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Deputy Brian Stanley T.D.  
5 Church Street,  
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Re: PQ ref 3839/25

*“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of staff in the Child Disability Networks Teams in County Laois; the percentage of posts filled in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and psychology and other disciplines, in tabular form.”*

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 percentage of posts filled in Children’s Disability Network Teams in County Laois are as follows:

	WTE approved	WTE filled	% filled
<b>Network 12 - Laois</b>			
Occupational Therapist	7.5	2.5	33.33%
Speech and Language Therapy	7.54	3.54	46.95%
Physiotherapy	4	2	50%
Social Worker	2	2	100%
Psychology	4	2	50%
Therapy Assistants	2	0	0%
Dietetics	0.4	0	0%
Behaviour Therapist	0.5	0	0%
Liaison Nurse	1	1	100%
Management/Admin	3	3	100%

	WTE approved	WTE filled	% filled
<b>Network 11 Laois Offaly</b>			
Occupational Therapy	4	4	100%
Speech and Language Therapy	4	3	75%
Physiotherapy	2	1	50%
Social Worker	1	1	100%
Psychology	4	2	50%
Therapy Assistant	1	0	0%
Behaviour Therapist	0.5	0	0%
Liaison Nurse	1	1	100%
Management/Admin	3	3	100%

I have included all staff in Network 11 as this areas covers North Laois/ East Offaly, however, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of staff that are allocated specifically to Laois in this network.

I can confirm that the HSE continues to strive to fill vacant positions, however it is not possible to provide a timeframe for when they will be filled in a permanent capacity 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.

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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