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Ms Grace Boland, TD,
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PQ 7551/25 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth her Department's plans for decreasing the number of vacancies on the Balbriggan and Swords children's disability network teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* - **Grace Boland, TD.**

Dear Deputy Boland,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Due to the ongoing challenges with recruitment across Disability and Health sector services Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) Disability Services along with lead agencies St Michael's House (SMH), Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) and Avista launched targeted international recruitment campaigns for Health and Social Care Professional posts to work within the Children's Disability Network Team's (CDNTs).

The campaigns generated a lot of interest. As all successful candidates must go through the normal clearance processes, there are some delays experienced in particular with CORU registrations. We continue to work with recruitment colleagues to get candidates processed and commenced on CDNTs. The recruitment team continue to link with any suitable CVs received from both domestic and international candidates and these are sent to the consortium partners for consideration.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enda Doody
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