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Mr. George Lawlor TD  
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**PQ 38577/25**

**To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list the children's disability network teams within CHO5 that currently have vacant psychologist and social workers posts, by location, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Lawlor,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The following table sets out the list of Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) within CHO 5 that currently have vacant Psychologists and Social Workers posts, by location:

CDNT	Vacant Psychology Posts	Vacant Social Worker Posts
CDNT Network 9 Gorey	Clinical Psychologist 1.00 WTE	Senior Medical Social Worker 1.00 WTE Social Worker Team Leader 1.00 WTE
CDNT Network 6 Dungarvan	Senior Clinical Psychologist 1.00 WTE	
CDNT Network 7 North City Waterford		Social Worker 1.00 WTE
CDNT Network 8 New Ross	Senior Clinical Psychologist 0.40 WTE	
CDNT Network 1 Carlow	Senior Clinical Psychologist 0.50 WTE Clinical Psychologist 2.00 WTE	
CDNT Network 11 Enniscorthy	Senior Clinical Psychologist 1.00 WTE	

As with other areas Disability Services with IHA Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and IHA Waterford/Wexford are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. The IHA's continue to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.



I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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