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**PQ 39218/25** *"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality If there are plans to have a play specialist post at Blakestown children's disability network team; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* - **Roderic O'Gorman, TD.**

Dear Deputy O'Gorman,

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Blakestown Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) are managed by Avista. The professional roles on the CDNT include: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Nursing, Psychology and Social work. The Team also has access to Dietetics and Specialists in behaviour support.

It is a decision for Avista management regarding professionals recruited to the CDNT in line with assessed need and clinical priorities.

I trust this information clarifies your query.

Yours sincerely,

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