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*To ask the Minister for Health the current number of both unfilled and filled adult multidisciplinary therapy posts in the State in 2024 and 2025, by CHO, and by occupation, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply. You have also clarified that the multidisciplinary therapy posts refers to the target in the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026 to provide an “*additional 222 posts in specialist adult therapy services.*” You are seeking information on how much progress has been made towards this target.

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality National Disability Action Plan 2022-26, which was based on the *Disability Capacity Review to 2032: “A Review of Disability Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements up to 2032,”* sets out a need for 222 posts by 2026.. The total cost for this is estimated by the HSE to be in the region of €17.7m.

The Capacity Review does not specify the number of posts required by 2032 but does note ‘Overall, demographic change will lead to an increase in demand, which by 2032, is expected to be about 7-8% higher than in 2018.

With regard to adult multidisciplinary therapy services, the HSE suggested an initial recruitment of 12 teams comprising 8 staff each (96 staff in total) as follows:

- 12 x Community Adult Case Manager
- 12 x Grade IV Admin
- 12 x Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- 12 x Senior Social Worker
- 12 x Senior Occupational Therapist
- 12 x Senior Speech and Language Therapist
- 12 x Clinical Psychologist
- 12 x Senior Physiotherapists

The cost of the 96 posts was estimated to be approximately €7,161,665.



This was not approved in the budget. The make-up of the disciplines required in future are to be identified by a planned mapping exercise as outlined in the Dept. of Children, Disability and Equality Disability Action Plan (DAP) 2024-26.

The mapping exercise is to assess the current allocation and arrangements for adult multi-disciplinary therapy services within Ireland's adult disability sector, identify unmet demand, gaps in provision, and opportunities for improvement. The findings are to inform the deployment of 222 additional therapy posts as part of the DAP 2024-2026 and support the further development of person-centred, Multi/inter-disciplinary therapy interventions within the six Health Regions. This mapping is on hold currently.

Yours sincerely,

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