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Mr. Liam Quaide., T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health the details of recruitment to the primary care child and adolescent services of the north Lee HSE catchment of the south west regional health area from January 2023 to July 2025 for the disciplines of occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychology; the date each post was advertised; the contract type that is, temporary or permanent; the grade of post staff, senior or principal; if the post was accepted or not; if the post was delayed from being filled or eliminated by the Pay and Numbers Strategy; the clear details of any delays; the staffing provision for each discipline at the end of each year from 2022; and the population size served by the north Lee HSE catchment."

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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 Health for response.

Please see below table with the Staffing Provision for North Lee from 2022 to present.

Staffing Provision for North Lee				
North Lee Population - circa 174,500				
Year End	Physiotherapy	OT	SLT	Psychology
2022	15.54 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	29.72 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	26.24 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	4.54 WTE
2023	16.82 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	20.88 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	20.64 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	9.65 WTE
2024	12.58 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	18.71 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	12.72 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	6.45 WTE
Jul-25	13.05 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	17.9 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	12.33 WTE (CHN 6,7,8 & 9)	9.5 WTE

Please see below table outlining the post details.

Discipline	Grade	Adult Service/ Paediatrics	Date post advertised	Contract Type	Location	Accepted/ Not	Affected by Pay & Numbers	Delay Details
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	N/A, in post	SPC	CHN6	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	N/A, in post	SPC	CHN6	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN7	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN8	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN8	Accepted - in post	No	N/A

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Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN9	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN9	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN8	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN8	N/A	Yes	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Senior OT	Paediatrics	Unable to fill from existing local panel. New Senior HSCP campaign underway	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	No	N/A



Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	No	N/A
Occupational Therapy	Senior OT	Adult	Unable to fill from existing local panel. New Senior HSCP campaign underway	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN8	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Not yet advertised, approved 13/08/25	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Senior Physiotherapist	Adult	Not yet advertised, approved 13/08/25	Permanent	CHN9	N/A	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy Assistant	N/A	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	SPC	CHN6	N/A	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy Assistant	N/A	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN9	N/A	Yes	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy Assistant	N/A	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	Yes	N/A



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Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy Assistant	N/A		SPC	CHN8	N/A	Yes	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	Post Accepted	Permanent	CHN9	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN6 & CHN7	Not Accepted	Yes	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN7	Not Accepted 2023	Yes	N/A
Physiotherapy	Staff Grade	Adult	NRS assigned campaign	SPC	CHN7	Not Accepted 2023	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Staff Grade Psychologist	Paediatrics	N/A	Permanent	Cork North	N/A	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Principal Psychology Manager	N/A	N/A, in post	Permanent	Cork North	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Psychology	Senior Psychologist	Paediatrics	N/A, in post	Permanent	Cork North	Accepted - in post	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Senior Psychologist	Paediatrics	Post accepted	Permanent	Cork North	Accepted - due to commence	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Staff Grade Psychologist	Paediatrics	Post accepted	Permanent	Cork North	Accepted - due to commence	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Psychology Assistant	Adult and Paediatrics	Post accepted	SPC	Cork North	Accepted - in post	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Psychology Assistant	Adult and Paediatrics	Post accepted	SPC	Cork North	Accepted - in post	Yes	N/A
Psychology	Psychology Assistant	Adult and Paediatrics	Post accepted	SPC	Cork North	Accepted - in post	Yes	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	N/A	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Paediatrics	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN6	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN6	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Adult and Paediatrics	N/A, in post	Permanent	CHN8	Accepted - in post	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A



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Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Paediatrics	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	SPC	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	Yes	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Adult	Not yet advertised, currently progressing via the Workforce Prioritisation Process	Permanent	CHN8	N/A	Yes	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN6	N/A	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Adult	Unable to fill from existing local panel. New Senior HSCP campaign underway	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN8	N/A	No	N/A
Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Paediatrics	Post to be expressed to panel	Permanent	CHN7	N/A	No	N/A



Speech & Language Therapy	Senior SLT	Adult	Post accepted - candidate in recruitment checks	Permanent	CHN7	Post accepted - candidate in recruitment checks		
Speech & Language Therapy	Staff Grade SLT	Paediatrics	NRS assigned campaign	Permanent	CHN9	N/A	No	N/A



If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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