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Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós,
Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc
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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality her plan, timeline and cost to deliver 222 extra posts in adult multidisciplinary therapies as promised in the action plan for disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

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 €16.6m approximately.

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 the cost of providing for these posts, the HSE suggested an initial recruitment in 2026 of 12 teams comprising 8 staff each (96 staff in total) would cost an estimated €7,161,665, costed as follows:

- 12 x Community Adult Case Manager – GVII = €885,336
- 12 x GIV Admin = €605,748
- 12 x Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) = €946,338
- 12 x Senior Social Worker = €988,489
- 12 x Senior Occupational Therapist = €891,592
- 12 x Senior SLT = €893,632
- 12 x Clinical Psychologist = €1,047,203
- 12 x Senior Physiotherapists = €903,409
 - Total of 96 posts at a cost of €7,161,747

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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