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Mr. Conor McGuinness TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 31924/25**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of WTE dietitians based in Waterford north city children's disability network team in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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 response.

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

For the years 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, regrettably there were no Dietitians based in Waterford North City CDNT.

As with other areas Disability Services within IHA Waterford/Wexford are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals (including Dietitians) both nationally and internationally. The HSE continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledge that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are not appropriate and 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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