



25th June 2025

Mr. Conor McGuinness TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 31925/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapists based at Dungarvan 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 Health for response.

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

The following table sets out the number of WTE Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs) based in Dungarvan CDNT, based within IHA Waterford/Wexford in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025:

Post	Year	CDNT 6 Dungarvan WTE
SLT Basic	2023	1.00
SLT Senior	2023	2.80
SLT Basic	2024	1.00
SLT Senior	2024	2.80
SLT Basic	2025	0.00
SLT Senior	2025	2.80

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

The HSE acknowledge that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are 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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