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Re: PQ 34213/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of vacancies on the north Tipperary CDNT; when it is intended to fill these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Meara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Query which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Enable Ireland are the Lead Agency for delivering services at North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT).

The North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) has 31.47 WTE posts allocated, 26.2 WTE of these are clinical posts. 25.27 WTE are currently filled. There are 6.2 WTE vacancies.

In addition, there are 4 staff on maternity leave at present. One staff member due to return from maternity leave in September 2025, with a further 2 staff members due to commence maternity leave in quarter 2 of 2025.

Time Related Savings (TRS) are utilised by Enable Ireland to outsource ASD assessments and specific SLT interventions as this is the greatest pressure point for North Tipperary CDNT. There is no additional funding provided for backfilling of maternity leaves.

The North Tipperary CDNT is continuously working on recruitment to fill all vacant posts. However, despite numerous recruitment campaigns posts remain vacant.



Details of vacant posts are as follows:

Discipline	Grade	WTE	Note
Speech and Language Therapist	Senior	1	Currently advertised.
Physiotherapist	Senior	1	Multiple campaigns at both senior and staff grade level have been unsuccessful. Currently advertised.
Social Work	Senior	0.6	Multiple campaigns at local and national level have been unsuccessful. Currently advertised as full time staff grade.
Social Worker	Senior	1	To be advertised week beginning 30 th June.
Early Interventionist	Senior	1	Post accepted. Awaiting start date.
Psychologist	Staff	0.6	Post accepted. Start date of 09.09.25 agreed
Psychologist	Staff	1	Multiple campaigns have been unsuccessful. Currently advertised for 2 year contract at senior grade.

I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mary O'Malley
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