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Michumais - Lár na Tíre

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Mr. John Clendennen T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ ref 10485/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of staff in CDNTs in County Offaly, in tabular form; and the percentage of full-time posts filled for occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech-and-language therapists within each respective unit”

Dear Deputy Clendennen,

I refer to your recent correspondence referenced above and outline below the percentage of posts filled in Children’s Disability Network Teams in County Laois as follows:

| Network 10 Offaly | WTE approved | WTE filled | % filled |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Occupational Therapy | 6.5 | 5.5 | 85% |
| Speech and Language Therapy | 6.8 | 6.3 | 93% |
| Physiotherapy | 2 | 2* | 100% |
| Social Worker | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| Psychology | 3 | 2 | 67% |
| Therapy Assistant | 1.8 | 0.8 | 44% |
| Behaviour Therapist | 0.5 | 0 | 0% |
| Liaison Nurse | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Multi Task Attendant | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Dietetics | 0.5 | 0.5 | 100% |
| Management/Admin | 4 | 4 | 100% |

*Filled with agency

| Network 11 Laois Offaly | WTE approved | WTE filled | % filled |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Occupational Therapy | 4 | 4 | 100% |
| Speech and Language Therapy | 4 | 3 | 75% |
| Physiotherapy | 2 | 1 | 50% |
| Social Worker | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Psychology | 4 | 2 | 50% |
| Therapy Assistant | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Behaviour Therapist | 0.5 | 0 | 0% |
| Liaison Nurse | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| Management/Admin | 3 | 3 | 100% |

I have included all staff in Network 11 as this areas covers North Laois/ East Offaly, however, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of staff that are allocated specifically to Laois in this network.

I can confirm that the HSE continues to strive to fill vacant positions, however it is not possible to provide a timeframe for when they will be filled in a permanent capacity as this is dependent on a number of factors including actual panels for a profession being in place, individuals on a panel being interested in taking up a post etc.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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