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Deputy Darren O'Rourke,
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ ref 9309/25 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if she will identify the posts in children's disability network teams in Meath; the posts filled and vacant at 25 February 2025; the length of time the vacant posts have been vacant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter – Darren O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

As requested please find attached a breakdown of the posts filled and vacant for Meath Children's Disability Network Teams:

CDNT 2 HSE led Network - Kells
CDNT 4 Enable Ireland led Network – Dunshaughlin/East Meath
CDNT 5 Enable Ireland led Network - Central Meath – Navan/Slane
CDNT 6 HSE led Network – Trim

The templates attached outline the current staffing number allocation, filled or vacant for each of the above Children's Disability Network Teams. This information is fluid and is accurate as of the April staff census. Detail in regards to the length of time post is vacant can vary from 2021 to date. Please be advised that the statistics provided are retrieved from the recent Workforce Review of April 2025.

The CDNT in Meath have challenges with the retention and recruitment of staff since reconfiguration commenced in Sept 2021, as you will see from the attached that the teams are currently carrying a number of vacancies. These challenges are not unique to Meath and are affecting many teams across the country and across many clinical disciplines, which is having an impact on service delivery.

The service is actively working to recruit clinicians to fill these posts through national and international recruitment campaigns and actively trying to recruit new graduates from the universities.

All efforts are being made to ensure that all opportunities available through current panels are taken to fill the posts.

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,

Wanetta Duff
General Manager, Disability Services, HSE Louth Meath CHO

CDNT Name	Grade	Funded WTE	Filled WTE	Vacant WTE	Reason for Vacancy	Status of recruitment for vacant post(s)
Kells	Clerical Officer	1	1			
Kells	Psychologist, Clinical	1	1			
Kells	Clerical Officer	1	0	1	Unfilled Dev Post	Pre Campaign Stage
Kells	Grade IV	0.4	0	0.4	Unfilled Post Replacement	Pre Campaign Stage
Kells	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1			
Kells	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Kells	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Kells	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	0.5	0	0.5	Unfilled Dev Post	Pre Campaign Stage
Kells	Psychology Assistant	1	1			
Kells	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.8	0.8			
Kells	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.8	0.8			
Kells	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.6	0.6			
Kells	Children's Disability Network Manager	1	1			
Kells	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1	1			
Kells	Occupational Therapist	1	1			
Kells	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Kells	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Kells	Physiotherapist, Senior	1	1			
Kells	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1			
Kells	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1			
Kells	Social Care Worker	1	1			
Kells	Social Work Practitioner, Senior	1	1			
Kells	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
		21.1	18.2	2.9		

CDNT Name	Grade	Funded WTE	Filled WTE	Vacant WTE	Reason for Vacancy	Status of recruitment for vacant post(s)
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Children's Disability Network Manager	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Clerical Officer	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Family Support Worker	0.4	0.4			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Grade IV	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Grade IV	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Assistant (Therapy Assistant)	0.8	0.8			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist	0.56	0	0.56	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.78	0.78			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	PostAccepted/Clearance Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Physiotherapist	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	0.3	0.3			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.45	0.45			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Physiotherapist, Senior	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychologist, Clinical	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychologist, Clinical	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	PostAccepted/Clearance Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.86	0	0.86	Unfilled Post Replacement	PostAccepted/Clearance Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychology Assistant	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Psychology Assistant	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Pre Campaign Stage
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Social Work Practitioner, Senior	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Social Worker	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.85	0	0.85	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.8	0.8			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Dunsaughlin/East Meath	Speech & Language Therapy Assistant	1	1			
		33.8	23.53	10.27		

CDNT Name	Grade	Funded WTE	Filled WTE	Vacant WTE	Reason for Vacancy	Status of recruitment for vacant post(s)
Navan/Slane	Children's Disability Network Manager	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Clerical Officer	0.8	0.8			
Navan/Slane	Clerical Officer	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	0.64	0.64			
Navan/Slane	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Grade IV	0.6	0.6			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.5	0.5			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.6	0.6			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Physiotherapist	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.64	0	0.64	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Navan/Slane	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.8	0.8			
Navan/Slane	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.5	0.5			
Navan/Slane	Psychologist, Clinical	0.8	0.8			
Navan/Slane	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.7	0.7			
Navan/Slane	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	0.9			
Navan/Slane	Social Worker, Senior Medical	0.6	0.6			
Navan/Slane	Social Worker, Senior Medical	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Expressed/Job Offer Stage
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.43	0	0.43	Unfilled Post Replacement	Expressed/Job Offer Stage
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.8	0.8			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Psychology Assistant	1	1			
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist	1	0	1	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Navan/Slane	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1		Unfilled Post Replacement	Expressed/Job Offer Stage
Navan/Slane	Occupational Therapist, Senior	0.2	0.2			
		29.61	26.44	3.17		

CDNT Name	Grade	Funded WTE	Filled WTE	Vacant WTE	Contract Type	Reason for Vacancy	Status of recruitment for vacant post(s)
Trim	Speech & Language Therapy Assistant	1	0	1	Permanent Whole-time	Unfilled Dev Post	Pre Campaign Stage
Trim	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Social Work Practitioner, Senior	1	0.8	0.2	Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Physiotherapist, Senior	0.83		0.83		Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist	1	0	1	Permanent Whole-time	Unfilled Post Replacement	PostAccepted/Clearance Underway
Trim	Physiotherapist	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	0	1	Permanent Whole-time	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Psychology Assistant	1	0	1	Fixed Term Contract	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Social Worker	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	0.5	0	0.5	Permanent Part-time	Unfilled Dev Post	Pre Campaign Stage
Trim	Occupational Therapist	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Trim	Occupational Therapist	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Trim	Physiotherapist, Senior	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Psychologist, Clinical	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Psychologist, Clinical	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Unable to fill/Recruitment Unsuccessful
Trim	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Trim	Speech & Language Therapist	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Trim	Grade IV	0.8	0.8		Permanent Part-time		
Trim	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	0.67	0.67		Permanent Part-time		
Trim	Children's Disability Network Manager	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Clerical Officer	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Occupational Therapist	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	1	1		Permanent Whole-time		
Trim	Physiotherapist, Senior	1	1		Agency	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
Trim	Care Assistant (Disability Services)	1	0	1	Permanent Whole-time	Unfilled Post Replacement	Campaign Underway
		26.8	18.47	8.33			