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PQ 23654/25 – “To ask the Minister for Health the total number of speech and language therapists currently employed within CHO9; and if she will make a statement on the matter” – Emer Currie TD

Dear Deputy Currie,

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

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Speech and Language Teams have a total of 46 WTE staff, the breakdown is as follows:

Integrated Health Area Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Total	
Grade	WTE in Post
Manager in Charge III	3
Senior SLT	24.4
Staff Grade SLT	18.6

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Speech and Language Teams are actively working to address the vacancies within Primary Care roles, recognising the significant importance these positions hold in supporting our communities. Despite our ongoing recruitment efforts, filling these posts has proven to be challenging due to various factors. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this.

The table below provides the number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Speech and Language Therapists, Senior Speech and Language Therapists, and Clinical Specialist Speech & Language Therapists currently employed within the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) in Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW).

	Speech & Language Therapist	Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	Speech & Language Therapist, Clinical Specialist
North Inner City CDNT	0	1.8	0
Finglas CDNT	2	3.6	0
Clontarf CDNT	1	3	0
Swords CDNT	0	2.3	0
Balbriggan CDNT	0	2.6	0
Blanchardstown CDNT	1	3.6	0
Blakestown CDNT	2	3	0
Cabra/Grangegorman CDNT	0	4.9	0
Coastal CDNT	1	1.6	0.25
Coolock CDNT	0	2	0.25
Ballymun CDNT	0	1.5	0.25
Kilbarrack CDNT	1	2.8	0.25

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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