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PQ 24274/25 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of student placements in Blanchardstown Children's Disability Network Team, in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form.” – Paul Donnelly, TD*

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Total number of Health and Social Care Professional student placements facilitated in Avista Blanchardstown Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in 2024 and to-date in 2025 is 7 students summarised as follows:

Discipline	College	Year of Study
Occupational Therapy	TCD	One 4 th year student
Occupational Therapy	TCD	One 2 nd year student
Psychology	TCD Clinical Psychology	One 2 nd year student
SLT	TCD	One 3 rd year student
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Physiotherapy	RCSI	One 2 nd year student

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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