



23rd May 2025

Mr. Johnny Mythen TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 26010/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of occupational therapists currently employed as part of the children's disability network teams in County Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The following table sets out the number of Occupational Therapists (OT) currently employed as part of the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in County Wexford.

	CDNT New Ross	CDNT Gorey	CDNT Wexford	CDNT Enniscorthy
OT Staff Grade in post	1	0	0	0
OT Senior in post	1	1	1	2
Total	2	1	1	2

As with other areas Disability Services within IHA Waterford/Wexford are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. The IHA continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

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

Yours sincerely,

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