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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the approved staffing composition of each children's disability network team in Waterford, by profession and grade, in tabular form; and the whole-time equivalent vacancies on each team.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

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.

Staffing Levels & Vacancies - CDNTs Waterford

CDNT - Network 6 Dungarvan

Post	Staffing Composition WTE	Vacancies WTE
CDNM	1.00	0.00
Clerical Officer	1.40	0.00
Clinical Nurse Manager (CDM 2)	1.00	0.00
Clinical Nurse Specialist – General	1.00	0.00
Senior Dietician	0.00	0.00
Grade IV	0.00	0.00
Occupational Therapist	1.00	1.00
Occupational Therapy Manager	0.00	0.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	3.50	1.50 * (note 2 posts due to commence June 2025)
Physiotherapist	0.00	0.00
Senior Physiotherapist	2.00	0.00
Assistant Physiotherapist	0.00	0.00
Clinical Psychologist	0.00	0.00
Senior Clinical Psychologist	2.00	1.00
Social Worker	1.00	0.00
Senior Medical Social Worker	0.80	0.00
Speech & Language Therapist	2.00	1.00



Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.80	0.00
Staff Nurse – PHN General	0.00	0.00
Total	19.50 WTE	4.50 WTE

CDNT - Network 7 South City Waterford

Post	Staffing Composition WTE	Vacancies WTE
CDNM	1.00	0.00
Clerical Officer	2.00	0.00
Clinical Nurse Manager (CDM 2)	0.00	0.00
Clinical Nurse Specialist – General	0.00	0.00
Senior Dietician	1.00	1.00
Grade IV	0.34	0.00
Occupational Therapist	1.00	0.00
Occupational Therapy Manager	0.00	0.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	0.80	0.00
Physiotherapist	1.00	0.00
Senior Physiotherapist	0.60	0.00
Assistant Physiotherapist	1.00	0.00
Clinical Psychologist	0.00	0.00
Senior Clinical Psychologist	2.14	0.00
Social Worker	0.00	0.00
Senior Medical Social Worker	1.00	0.00
Speech & Language Therapist	2.00	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	3.00	1.00
Staff Nurse – PHN General	0.64	0.00
Total	17.52 WTE	3.00 WTE

CDNT - Network 7 North City Waterford

Post	Staffing Composition WTE	Vacancies WTE
CDNM	1.00	0.00
Clerical Officer	2.00	0.00
Clinical Nurse Manager (CDM 2)	0.50	0.50
Clinical Nurse Specialist – General	0.00	0.00
Senior Dietician	0.00	0.00
Grade IV	0.00	0.00
Occupational Therapist	1.00	1.00
Occupational Therapy Manager	0.00	0.00
Senior Occupational Therapist	3.00	1.00
Physiotherapist	0.00	0.00
Senior Physiotherapist	1.87	0.00
Assistant Physiotherapist	0.00	0.00
Clinical Psychologist	0.80	0.80
Senior Clinical Psychologist	2.00	2.00
Social Worker	1.00	1.00



Senior Medical Social Worker	0.00	0.00
Speech & Language Therapist	2.00	1.00
Senior Speech & Language Therapist	2.00	1.00
Staff Nurse – PHN General	1.00	0.00
Total	19.17 WTE	8.30 WTE

Note: These figures are subject to change.

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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