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Mr. David Cullinane TD  
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**PQ 26109/25**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of psychology vacancies on children's disability network teams in Waterford; if there are any teams without a psychologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

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.*

No of Psychology vacancies on the Children's Disability Network Teams in Waterford.

CDNT	No. of Psychology Vacancies (WTE)
CDNT Dungarvan	1.00 Senior Psychologist
CDNT South City Waterford (CRC)	No vacancies
CDNT North City Waterford	0.80 Psychologist Basic Grade
CDNT North City Waterford	2.00 Senior Psychologists

Interviews took place for a Senior Psychologist for CDNT North City Waterford on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 but unfortunately this post was not filled.

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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