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Mr. Seamus Healy TD
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PQ 26947/25

To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapists based in each CDNT, based within CHO5 in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Healy,

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.

Please see attached appendix which outlines in tabular form the number of Speech and Language Therapists in each Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) across IHA Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and IHA Waterford/Wexford (former CHO5).

The HSE acknowledges the challenges in meeting the demand for children's disability services and is acutely conscious of how this impacts on children and their families. Children requiring interventions including health and therapy services would access services through Primary Care Teams as well as through Children's Disability Services.

There are ongoing shortages of qualified healthcare and therapy professionals both nationally and internationally. The HSE continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and express posts out to current national panels where relevant. We 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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Appendix: HSE Dublin and South East Speech and Language Therapists Staffing by IHA

The following table sets out the number of WTE Speech and Language Therapists based in each CDNT, based within **IHA Waterford/Wexford** in 2024 and to date in 2025:

Post	Year	CDNT 6 Dungarvan	CDNT 7 South City Waterford (CRC)	CDNT 7 North City Waterford	CDNT 8 New Ross	CDNT 9 Gorey	CDNT 10 Wexford	CDNT 11 Enniscorthy
SLT Basic	2024	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
SLT Senior	2024	1.80	2.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
SLT Basic	2025	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
SLT Senior	2025	2.80	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00

The following table sets out the number of WTE Speech and Language Therapists based in each CDNT, based within **IHA Carlow/Kilkenny** in 2024 and to date in 2025:

Post	Year	CDNT 1 Carlow	CDNT 2 Thomastown	CDNT 3 Kilkenny (Enable)	CDNT 4 Cashel	CDNT 5 Clonmel
SLT Basic	2024	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
SLT Senior	2024	1.71	0.80	3.70	0.00	1.00
SLT Basic	2025	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
SLT Senior	2025	1.71	0.80	4.00	1.71	2.00