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**PQ: 28602/25**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the estimated WTE staffing requirements for adult multidisciplinary therapy services, by grade, in tabular form; and the cost of providing for these posts.*

**PQ: 28603/25**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the estimated requirement by 2032 for additional adult multidisciplinary therapy services; and the cost of providing for this.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Questions referenced above, which have been forwarded to me for direct reply.

With regard to the estimated WTE staffing requirements for adult multidisciplinary therapy services and the cost of providing for these posts, the HSE suggested an initial recruitment in 2026 of 12 teams comprising 8 staff each (96 staff in total) would cost an estimated €7,161,665, costed as follows:

- 12 x Community Adult Case Manager – GVII = €885,336
- 12 x GIV Admin = €605,748
- 12 x Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) = €946,338
- 12 x Senior Social Worker = €988,489
- 12 x Senior Occupational Therapist = €891,592
- 12 x Senior SLT = €893,632
- 12 x Clinical Psychologist = €1,047,203
- 12 x Senior Physiotherapists = €903,409
  - Total of 96 posts at a cost of €7,161,665

Funding for these was provided in the budget. A planned mapping exercise, as outlined in the Dept. of Children, Disability and Equality Disability Action Plan (DAP) 2024-26 is to be conducted around multi-disciplinary need.

The mapping exercise is to assess the current allocation and arrangements for adult multi-disciplinary therapy services within Ireland's adult disability sector, identify unmet demand, gaps in provision, and opportunities for improvement. The findings are to inform the deployment of 222 additional therapy posts as part of the DAP 2024-2026 and support the further development of person-centred, multi/inter-disciplinary therapy interventions within the six Health Regions.

With regard to the estimated requirement by 2032 for additional adult multidisciplinary therapy services and the cost of providing for this, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality National Disability Action Plan 2022-26, which was based on the *Disability Capacity Review to 2032: "A Review of Disability Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements up to 2032;"* sets out a need for 222 posts by 2026. The total cost for this is estimated by the HSE to be in the region of €17.7m.



The Capacity Review does not specify the number of posts required by 2032 but does note 'Overall, demographic change will lead to an increase in demand, which by 2032, is expected to be about 7-8% higher than in 2018.'

Yours Sincerely,

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