



15th October 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
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“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of vacancies that exist in CDNTs in County Kerry, by CDNT region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) were established to provide services and supports for children with complex disability needs within a defined geographic area. Each CDNT is under the governance of a Section 38 or Section 39 lead agency. HSE South West works closely with the CDNT lead agencies with regard to management of these teams.

The HSE and its Section 38 and Section 39 Lead Agencies are operating in a very competitive global market for healthcare talent. There are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals both nationally and internationally. This has a direct impact on recruitment and delivery of services to families. HSE South West Disability Services in conjunction with the Cork and Kerry lead agencies continue to make all efforts to fill posts as quickly as possible and put any measures possible in place to minimise the impact on children and their families.

CDNT vacancies in Kerry are outlined in a table in the appendix to this letter.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.



Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
HSE South West.**



Appendix

Table 1: Staff Vacancies in Children's Disability Network Teams of Kerry

Children's Disability Network Team	Area Covered	Lead Agency	Speech & Language Therapy	Occupational Therapist	Psychology	Therapy Assistant Psychology	Therapy Assistant General	Dietetics	Nursing	Management / Admin	Grand Total
North Kerry CDNT 1	Listowel/ Castleisland	Brothers of Charity	1.0		0.6	1.0	1.0				3.60
West Kerry CDNT 2	Tralee/ Dingle	Enable Ireland					1.0	0.1		0.66	1.76
South Kerry CDNT 3	Iveragh/ Kenmare/ Sneem/ Killorglin/ Killarney	Brothers of Charity	0.9	1.0			0.4		1.0		3.30
TOTAL			1.9	1.0	0.6	1.0	2.4	0.1	1.0	0.7	8.66