



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad
Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós,
Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc
Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta, Caladh an
Treoigh, Luimneach

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PQ: 45990/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of school therapist posts in special schools that remain unfilled, for each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of school therapists employed from academic year 2025-2026 onwards, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny,

I wish to apologise for the delay in providing answer to your Parliamentary Question. This required engagement with each health area to ensure the most up to date information was provided in the reply.

The table below outlines the WTE filled and unfilled in each county as of September 2025. It should be noted that some unfilled posts may have been previously filled, and the incumbent left the post, leaving it vacant as of September 2025.

County	WTE Filled	WTE Unfilled
Carlow	1	3.5
Cavan	3.8	0
Clare	4.8	0
Cork	31.7	2.88
Donegal	1.5	1.5
Dublin	54.52	23.87
Galway	12.4	2
Kerry	3.81	1.2
Kilkenny	6.3	0
Laois	3	0
Limerick	9	0
Longford	1	0
Louth	2	6.2
Mayo	2	0
Meath	2.75	0
Offaly	0	1
Roscommon	1	0
Sligo	2	1
Tipperary	3.03	4.2
Waterford	1	1.5
Westmeath	5.5	0.5
Wexford	7.8	1
Wicklow	10.28	0.18
	170.19	50.53



With regard to vacant posts, in line with the National Service Plan 2025 the HSE submitted a Pay & Numbers Strategy in Q1 2025 to the Department of Children, Disability & Equality. This is currently under consideration by the Department. The Pay & Numbers Strategy will provide clarity on the totality of funded WTE available to the HSE going forward, which will include any unfilled posts in Special Schools.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom McGuirk,
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