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Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 46386/25

Re: Children's Disability Network Team for Kildare

"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the current staff vacancy rate for the South Kildare West Wicklow, North Kildare, and Mid Kildare children disability network teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

-Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh

Dear Deputy Ní Raghallaigh,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The current staff vacancy rate for the Children's Disability Network Teams are:

Team	% Vacancy
North Kildare	39%
Mid Kildare	17%
South Kildare/West Wicklow	25%

Currently, CDNTs face significant vacancy rates across key health and social care disciplines, including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, and social work. Disability Services, in collaboration with recruitment partners, have launched local, national, and international recruitment campaigns to address these shortages and remains committed to exploring all avenues to fill these vital roles.

Disability Services continues to prioritize resolving challenges in service provision, ensuring that children with disabilities in County Kildare and Dublin South have access to the support and resources they need for their development.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret O'Neill,
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