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PQ 46909/25 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of whole-time equivalent clinical nurse specialists in intellectual disabilities within CHO9 in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* -**Barry Heneghan, TD**

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Disability Services Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) provide funding to the lead agencies in the area, St Michael's House (SMH) and Avista, to deliver services for people with intellectual disabilities.

The number of Whole-Time Equivalent (WTE) Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) in Intellectual Disabilities within these agencies in 2024 and to date in 2025 is outlined in the table below:

	2024	2025
St Michaels House (SMH)	7.5 WTE	7.5 WTE
Avista	11 WTE	10 WTE
St Joseph's Intellectual Disability Service	3 WTE	1 WTE with 2 WTE due to start in the next two weeks

The HSE and its funded agencies remain committed to ensuring that specialist nursing expertise is available to support people with intellectual disabilities and their families and continue to actively monitor and review workforce requirements to meet service needs.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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