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**PQ 48458/25**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of student placements, by discipline offered to children's disability network teams within CHO5 in 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Lawlor,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The below table sets out the number of student placements, by discipline offered to Children's Disability Network Teams within IHA Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary and IHA Waterford/Wexford in 2024 and to date in 2025:

| CDNT              | Discipline                     | 2024<br>no. of students | 2025<br>no. of students |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Carlow</b>     | Social Worker                  | 1                       | 0                       |
| <b>Thomastown</b> | Psychology                     | 1                       | 1                       |
|                   | Social Worker                  | 1                       | 0                       |
|                   | Speech & Language<br>Therapist | 0                       | 1                       |
|                   | Occupational Therapist         | 0                       | 1                       |
| <b>Kilkenny</b>   | Occupational Therapist         | 1                       | 1                       |
|                   | Psychology                     | 1                       | 1                       |
|                   | Dietetics                      | 1                       | 1                       |
| <b>Cashel</b>     | Speech & Language<br>Therapist | 0                       | 1                       |
|                   | Occupational Therapist         | 0                       | 1                       |



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|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Clonmel</b>              |                        | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Dungarvan</b>            | Psychology             | 1         | 1         |
| <b>South City Waterford</b> | Psychology             | 2         | 1         |
|                             | Occupational Therapist | 0         | 1         |
| <b>North City Waterford</b> |                        | 0         | 0         |
| <b>New Ross</b>             | Psychology             | 1         | 1         |
| <b>Gorey</b>                | Psychology             | 0         | 1         |
| <b>Wexford</b>              | Nursing                | 1         | 2         |
|                             | Psychology             | 1         | 1         |
|                             | Social Care            | 0         | 1         |
|                             | Social Worker          | 0         | 1         |
| <b>Enniscorthy</b>          | Psychology             | 0         | 1         |
|                             | Social Worker          | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>                |                        | <b>13</b> | <b>19</b> |

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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