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Staffing Levels in Children's Disability Services

Please see below staffing levels within the Children's Disability Social Work Teams in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust as of the 19/12/25:

For each team/locality, please provide:

•The number of Funded Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) posts.

The BHSCT Children with Disability Service has 3 community social work teams that cover the Belfast Trust area. There is a total of 21 funded SW posts across the 3 teams, comprising of social workers and senior practitioners.

There are also 3 Social Work Assistants

There are 3 Senior Social Workers.

•The number of Filled Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) posts.

As of the 19/12/25:

There are 12 social work and senior practitioner posts filled

There are 2 Social Work Assistant posts filled.

There are 3 SSW's post filled.

•The number of Vacant Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) posts.

There are 9 social work/ senior practitioner vacancies. Eight of these are temporary vacancies due to sick leave and maternity leave and there is 1 permanent social work vacancy.

There is 1 permanent social work assistant vacancy.

Please provide a full breakdown by discipline/job role for all funded posts within these teams.

The service has 15 social workers, 6 senior practitioners, 3 social work assistants and 3 senior social workers within these teams.