

9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,  
 Dáil Éireann,  
 Dublin 2

**PQ ref 54820/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting initial appointment with a CDNT in Cork by waiting time, in tabular form.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has fourteen Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT) across the Cork and Kerry region delivering services to children within their specific geographical location. Children’s access to services is based on their needs rather than their diagnosis. Each CDNT provides supports for all children with complex disability needs who live in that area. Children with non-complex needs receive services through Primary Care.

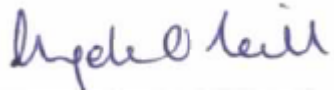
Currently, the CDNTs have large numbers of children with complex disability needs on their caseloads. Waiting lists are prioritised based on a range of factors including each child’s needs, risk assessments and family circumstances. Supports may be provided in the child’s home, school or community.

The table below details the number of children and young adults in Cork based Children’s Disability Network Teams that were an awaiting initial contact at month end December, 2023.

<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Cork Based Team Location</b>	<b>Total no. of children waiting for an initial contact as at month-end Dec. 2023</b>
CDNT 4	North West Cork	41
CDNT 5	North East Cork	145
CDNT 6	East Central Cork.	81
CDNT 7	East Cork City	84
CDNT 8	Central Cork	56
CDNT 9	North Cork City & Blarney	163
CDNT 10	West Cork	10
CDNT 11	South East Cork City	57
CDNT 12	West Central Cork	68
CDNT 13	Bandon/Carrigaline/Kinsale	76
CDNT 14	South Cork City	30
	<b>Total Waitlist.</b>	<b>811</b>

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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