



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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7th May 2024

Deputy Alan Dillon,
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Dear Deputy Dillon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 16176/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the CDNT protocol for therapeutic services; who is receiving this therapy now; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

91 Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) are aligned to 96 Community Healthcare Networks (CHNs) across the country and are providing services and supports for children with complex needs resulting from a disability aged from birth to 18 years of age.

Regardless of the nature of their disability, where they live, or the school they attend, every child with complex needs and their families have access to a range of family centred services and supports of their CDNT according to their individual needs. This includes universal, targeted and individualised supports. Supports are provided as is feasible in the child's natural environments - their home, school and community

The CDNTs are currently providing services and supports for 45,741 children, and strategies and supports to address urgent needs of children on the waitlist where staffing resources allow. However, there are significant challenges for CDNTs including:

- Significant staffing vacancies
- Growth in numbers of children with complex need
- Growth in demand for Assessment of Need, diverting further resources away from interventions.

Therapeutic Services are provided to children according to their needs and requirements following individual assessment.



Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023 – 2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People

The HSE's Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023 – 2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People was approved by the HSE Board on July 28th and launched by the Government and the HSE on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

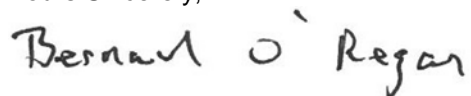
The Roadmap is a targeted Service Improvement Programme to achieve a quality, accessible, equitable and timely service for all children with complex needs as a result of a disability and their families.

It sets out the overall aim for Children's Disability Services, provided by the HSE and its partner agencies, for every child to have a childhood of inclusive experiences where they can have fun, learn, develop interests and skills, and form positive relationships with others in a range of different settings.

Further information regarding Children's Disability Services and supporting documents can be found at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/progressing-disability/pds-programme/>

Yours Sincerely,



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