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**PQ 1269/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the steps being taken to ensure the full range of therapies and community care treatments are available to children in the Galway area of CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

I refer to the above PQ which has been directed to us to response.

Children's Disability Network Teams in Community Healthcare West provide support, care and therapy to children and their families across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon and we know that this work makes a difference. The CDNTs provide services for children with complex needs. Children's services locally have reconfigured in line with the national policy of Progressing Disability Services. In practice, this means services are now provided under a 0 to 18 years of age model based on their level of need rather than diagnosis. Services are delivered in line with Family Centred Practice under Individual Family Service Plans.

Intensive recruitment efforts are ongoing through local and national panels. An overseas recruitment programme is currently being rolled out in conjunction with National HR. A national campaign has recently been launched by the HSE to recruit specifically to CDNTs

Family Forums have been rolled out across Community Healthcare West commencing June 2023. Two forums have been held in all CDNT areas to date in Community Healthcare West. Family forums provide an opportunity for families to engage with local management and provide a dedicated space to hear parent's views and ideas, focusing on the needs of their children and their families. For 2024, there will be an increased focus of intervention delivery with application of universal and targeted supports for families currently waiting.

Disability Services will continue to work to make a difference, make changes and build a sustainable and better service for children.

I trust this clarifies your queries in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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