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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the actions being taken to address the lack of appropriate co-existing accommodation for CDNTs across CHO5, broken down per team; the actions being taken to consider the business cases submitted for suitable accommodation as outlined at recent family forum in Clonmel; his views on the importance of having sufficient and appropriate work space for all CDNT staff to achieve a fully functioning community disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

There are twelve Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in CHO 5. There is ongoing review of all teams’ accommodation in the context of sufficient and suitable work space for staff employed on the teams and in the context of accessibility and appropriate therapy space for service users. In consultation with the Children’s Disability Network Managers (CDNMs), Disability Services Senior Management have reviewed all accommodations. The following table sets out the current update.

Area/Team	Location & current challenges	Plan
South Tipperary		
Cashel - Network 4	This accommodation is a newly refurbished building.	None currently required
Clonmel - Network 5	Facility will not sufficiently meet long-term accommodation requirements.	Property Initiation Form has been submitted to National Estates - once approved local management will progress
Kilkenny		
Kilkenny - Network 3	This accommodation is located on the grounds of Kilcreene Hospital and is appropriate to meet the service requirement.	None currently required
Thomastown - Network 2	Currently co-located with Kilkenny CDNT	New build almost complete. It is planned that Team will move into their new location in

		Quarter 3 2024
Carlow		
Carlow - Network 1	The current team are based across two locations.	A Capital Plan for a new build is in progress. This build is a joint project with a local special preschool. The schedule of accommodation for the whole project has been reviewed recently and a resubmission to National Office for funding is in progress.
Wexford		
Wexford - Network 10	This accommodation is a custom fit out building	None currently required
Enniscorthy - Network 11	Facility will not sufficiently meet long-term accommodation requirements.	Property Initiation Form has been submitted to National Estates. Once approved local management will progress
New Ross - Network 8	Facility will not sufficiently meet long-term accommodation requirements.	Property Initiation Form has been submitted to National Estates. Once approved local management will progress
Gorey - Network 9	Facility will not sufficiently meet long-term accommodation requirements.	Property Initiation Form has been submitted to National Estates. Once approved local management will progress
Waterford		
North City Waterford - Network 7	Facility will not sufficiently meet long-term accommodation requirements.	A Capital Plan for a new build is in progress. This build is a joint project with a local special preschool. Schedule of accommodation for the whole project has been reviewed recently and a resubmission to National Office for funding is in progress.
South City Waterford - Network 7	Accommodation located on the grounds of University Hospital Waterford.	None currently required
Dungarvan - Network 6	Accommodation is Suitable.	None currently required

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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