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Leinster House
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PQ 21439/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the population base of each children's disability network team based in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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.

As per the National Access Policy all Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) were aligned with Primary Care Networks. These geographical areas were decided based on a population of 50,000 people.

As required by government policy and as described in the 2017 Slaintecare Report, health and social care services in Ireland must be delivered in an integrated manner, as close to the person's home as possible. The fundamental organisational unit to deliver these services will be the Community Healthcare Network serving an average population of 50,000 people. To facilitate integration and to support the delivery of population based healthcare each person's home address will determine their access to services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Paula Dwan', written in black ink.

Ms. Paula Dwan
General Manager for Children's Disability Services, South East Region