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*“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the criteria for the removal of a service user from the CDNT in County Donegal to another team, that is, primary care; and the decision makers involved in this process.”*

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly 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.

Having examined the matter, I can advise that in line with the National Policy on Discharge/Closure and Transfer from CDNTs Section 5.1, the following are the criteria for discharge from CDNT.

**5.1 Reasons for Discharge/Closure**

A service for a child may be finished because:

- The young person has reached the age of 18 years, or has completed second level school if later and service was extended to his or her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday to meet the young person's specific needs
- The child has attained the expected outcomes of service interventions or has made significant gains and no longer requires intervention
- Discharge is requested by the parents, or by the young person if over the age of 16 years
- The family has not brought their child for services on a persistent and ongoing basis despite efforts by the team to engage and facilitate them

In line with the National Policy on Discharge/Closure and Transfer from CDNTs, the following are reasons for transfer from CDNT.

**5.4 Transfer of Services**

A child may be transferred to another service because:

- The child has moved address and no longer lives in the team's geographic area and so is transferring to another team
- The child's needs have changed and could be met by Primary Care Services

The decision makers in this process are the members of the interdisciplinary CDNT team.

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

Yours sincerely,



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