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Deputy Pearse Doherty  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
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**Re: PQ ref 38514/24**

***“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists in each of the four CDNTs in Donegal, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”***

Dear Deputy Doherty,

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, the table below outlines the number of children on the waiting list for the four Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in Donegal (figures as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024).

<b>Figures at end August 2024</b>	<b>Donegal North CDNT</b>	<b>Donegal East CDNT</b>	<b>Donegal Inishowen CDNT</b>	<b>Donegal South West CDNT</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. children on CDNT waiting list	12	21	7	3	43

The HSE is the lead agency for the four CDNTs in Donegal.

Nationally, the HSE has developed a *Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023 – 2026 Disability Services for Children and Young People*, which 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. The Roadmap sets out the overall aim for Children’s Disability Services, provided by the HSE and its partner agencies; i.e., 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.

The Roadmap contains a detailed plan of SMART (Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely) actions under the following headings:

1. Integrated Services between Disabilities, Primary Care, CAMHS and Tusla
2. CDNT Service Access and Improvement including AON
3. Workforce
4. Communication and Engagement with Children and Families, and with Staff

## 5. Engagement with Education and Support for Special Schools

I trust this information 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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