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Dear Deputy Chambers

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 4090219

To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to develop a management information system within the disability sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The Health Service Executive and the Health Research Board are currently in the process of rolling out version 1.0 of the new National Ability Supports System nationally, with in excess of 600 staff already trained and using the system across the country in both the statutory and voluntary body sectors.

The new National Ability Supports System replaces the old National Intellectual Disability Database and National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, providing a unique record on one secure database system with a single point of access to ensure a continuum of care for service users accessing services via multiple service providers.

Building on the database infrastructure already developed by the Health Research Board for version 1.0 of the National Ability Support System, thus reusing the existing technology, the Health Service Executive, together with the National Disability Authority, the Health Research Board, the National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers and the Disability Federation of Ireland have developed a specification to further enhance the case management functionality of the National Ability Supports System for version 2.0 of the National Ability Supports System.

This functionality is currently in the procurement process and will ensure that disability ICT systems can integrate further with the National Ability Supports System.

Yours sincerely,

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