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“To ask the Minister for Health the reason families are waiting on therapists in the CHO7 area of the HSE due to their children transferring to the school age groups; his plans to address these vacancies; the timelines involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Duncan Smith TD

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding the above matter. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare West Wicklow has the highest population in the country with 24.7% under the age of 18 years. The CHO also has many areas of very high social disadvantage/deprivation. There are therefore significant demands on available resources in this area.

Children’s Disability Services are currently undergoing reconfiguration under the HSE National Programme called Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People 0-18 Year. This programme has been in the planning stage for a number of years and is now in the final implementation phase with a reconfiguration date planned for 28th June 2021. The Kildare and West Wicklow part of the CHO reconfigured in 2014 and waiting time for services in this part of the CHO are significantly lower than in the rest of the area.

Under the national programme disability services for children will be provided by a Children’s Disability Network Team meeting the needs of children aged 0 to 18 years there should therefore be no gap in service provision between early services and school age services provided through HSE funded services.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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