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Re: PQ ref 19549/21

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of school age disability teams in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

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Dear Deputy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

At present the following school age teams are in place in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC):

- Four School Age Disability Teams for children with complex needs in mainstream schools: Daughters of Charity; HSE; St Michael's House; Central Remedial Clinic
- Beechpark Autism Service for children in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Units
- Central Remedial Clinic for children with complex physical disabilities
- Daughters of Charity School Age Team for children with moderate severe and profound learning disability
- St Michael's House School Age Team for children with moderate, severe and profound learning disability
- St Paul's Hospital and Special School for children with Autism attending St Paul's School
- Child Vision for children with visual impairment and other disabilities

Children's Disability Services are being reconfigured at national and local level throughout the HSE under the Progressing Disability Services programme. We are working in partnership with children's disability service providers in this Community Healthcare Organisation and we are finalising the process of establishing 12 Children's Disability Network Teams to support children with complex needs. These teams, when fully established and operational in June 2021, will provide inter-disciplinary support through a family centred approach. It is anticipated that this will significantly impact waiting list times.

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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