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**RE: PQ 61590/21**

*To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to decentralising CEIS services to rural parts of County Clare to honour the commitments made in Sláintecare to provide access to community-based supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

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**Dear Deputy Wynne,**

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 Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Having been reconfigured for a number of years, I wish to advise that the Clare Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) has been aligned to the Community Healthcare Networks (CHN) 1 and CHN 3 since April 2021. As you are probably aware, Community Healthcare Networks (CHN) have been established across all CHO areas to support integrated care across primary, community and acute care. It should be noted that by aligning our CDNT services to the CHN's, we have ensured that a key element of Sláintecare has been put in place. Each CDNT in the Mid-West is aligned to a CHN.

Whilst the Clare CDNT is centrally located within these two CHN's we are extremely conscious of the large area that both these CHN's cover and the distance that some families may have to travel for appointments. Therefore we endeavour to offer supports in a variety of different ways:

- Parent Training/Workshops: these are offered online, via a recording (with a live Q & A session) or in-person.
- Group Interventions: we currently run Group interventions for children and young people in our CDNT building or in a suitable community space.
- Individual Appointments: these are offered either at home, in school or in clinic close to the family's home.

In addition, the Clare CDNT continues to seek a suitable Outreach premises which could be used to provide supports to families throughout Co. Clare in order to reduce the travel burden.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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