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**To ask the Minister for Health the amount of additional space the Carlow Children's Disability Network Team is gaining by keeping the Bluebell Disability Outreach Project in St. Dymphna's Hospital Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

I have been advised that the Carlow Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) will include up to 34 staff from a range of disciplines when fully operational and will require appropriate accommodation to facilitate the delivery of interdisciplinary services to children with complex disability in Carlow.

I understand that there are 490 children with a complex disability currently open to the Carlow CDNT hence the accommodation needs are significant.

Please find below an outline of the Bluebell Centre accommodation provided at St Dymphna's Hospital Carlow:

**The Bluebell Centre**

- 1 Observation Room adjoining Team Assessment Room
- 1 Multi-purpose Room (e.g. Interdisciplinary Staff Room (4 staff/family training/group room/team meeting room)
- 4 Single Offices and 3 small treatment
- 1 medium Room for older children/orthotics/postural management with plinth hoist
- 1 Family Room
- 1 small Coffee Dock

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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