

4th November, 2021

Mr Sean Sherlock T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Oifig an Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Re: Parliamentary Question - 47989/21 & 47990/21

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Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (MLM CHO) can confirm that The National Programme called Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People has been rolling out across Midlands Louth Meath CHO over the past few months. In relation to Laois a date of 29th November, 2021 has been identified as the date when the new Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) will be established. No children have therefore been switched to the new team as of yet.

I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation