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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the north Kildare network disability team by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form.”

- Sean Sherlock TD

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

The North Kildare Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) reconfigured services May 2014. Other areas within Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare Organisation are currently in the process of re-organising delivery of disability services in line with the national programme *Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People* which will have a significant impact on services' ability to meet the needs of children and young people in a more efficient, effective and equitable manner.

Children with complex needs due to disability/developmental delay who require an interdisciplinary approach to meet their needs are waitlisted for the CDNT, individual discipline waitlists are not held. Children who require a uni-disciplinary /multidisciplinary approach with less complex needs are seen in primary care.

There are currently 84 children waitlisted for the interdisciplinary supports of the CDNT.

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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