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To ask the Minister for Health if the dedicated on-site supports in place at special schools in the CHO DNCC area prior to the roll-out of the progressing disability services programme of reform will remain in place.

Dear Deputy McDonald,

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.

I am pleased to confirm that within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) that in-school supports will remain in place. Posts for Special Schools have been aligned to the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) where the special school is based. Families may experience some change in the model of service as the CDNTs, in addition to supporting children in the school, will develop Individual Family Service Plans with children and families.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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