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Deputy Neale Richmond
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Re PQ 50807/21:

“To ask the Minister for Health the status of the evaluation carried out by the HSE on the services of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Details supplied: Carmona School in Glenageary, Dublin

Dear Deputy Richmond,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Since the reconfiguration to the Children’s Disability Network Team’s (CDNT) on the 13th September, further therapy resource in addition to the previous allocation to Carmona have been increased. The reason for this was to identify the individual needs of each child in a timely manner, in the context of implementing the individual family support plans.

The report will be individual to each child.

The operating model under PDS is underpinned by 12 principles based on national and international best practice evidence.

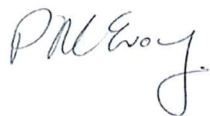
- Accessibility
- Accountability Bio-psychosocial model
- Clinical governance and evidence based practice
- Cultural competence
- Early identification of needs
- Equity of access
- Evaluation of outcomes
- Family centred practice
- Interdisciplinary approach
- Inclusion
- Staff are valued and respected

These principles put the child and family working in partnership with an interdisciplinary team to achieve the desired outcomes rather than a therapist setting out what they will provide to the child. The needs of the children and families within Carmona School were reviewed in the context of the new model of service delivery and the Individual Family Support Plan. These needs will be prioritised and actioned in the Family Support Plan and are individual to each child.

This was outlined to parents during the recent parents evening.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'PMcEvoy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patricia McEvoy
Head of Service, Disabilities