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Mr Fergus O'Dowd T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 51843/21

To ask the Minister for Health if the review of CDNT services has been completed for CHO8 and in particular for the south Louth and East Meath area following on from persons being informed that their children's service will be moved from east Meath CDNT 4 to south Louth CDNT 3 which is already at breaking point; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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

Children's Disability Services in Louth and Meath reconfigured on 4th October in line with National Disability Policy called Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People. In line with Progressing Disability Services policy, the National Policy on Access to Services for Children and Young People 2019 states that children with complex needs should receive their services from the Community Disability Network team (CDNT) that covers their home address based on the Community Healthcare Network (CHN) areas.

Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) in CHO8 will complete reconfiguration by 29th November 2021.

MLM CHO can advise that South Louth Children's Disability Team (CDNT 3) and East Meath Children's Disability Team (CDNT 4) are working towards full integration of Progressing Disability Services by the 29th November 2021.

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