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Re: PQ 43869/21

***To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a person to oversee all Early Intervention Services that are supposed to be made available to children with disabilities in the North County Tipperary area of the mid-west region in order that services are co-ordinated appropriately and parents receive proper communications; if so, if a person will be appointed to the role who has an understanding of the needs of such children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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 the following outlines the position.

As per the Progressing Disabilities for Children and Young People Programme (PDS), a Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) is assigned to each Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) with the Mid-West.

In the main, the Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) is responsible for the following:

- *The CDNM is responsible to the Lead Agency for the development of Children's Disability Services within a designated area in line with National Policy.*
- *The CDNM is the accountable and responsible person for ensuring the delivery of high quality, safe, integrated children's disability services to the population of the Community Healthcare Network. This is provided in accordance with legislative and service delivery frameworks and requirements, within the resources allocated.*
- *Using the key principles of the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People programme as a model of service which is based on family centred practice and interdisciplinary team working, the CDNM has full responsibility and accountability for managing resources including all staff the children's disability staff within the Children's Disability Network.*

It should be noted that a Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) has been appointed since 2009 to the North Tipperary CDNT.

I trust this information clarifies the situation, however should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Maurice Hoare, Head of Service, Disability Services**