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RE: PQ ref 46034 – 21

'To ask the Minister for Health the level of engagement that has taken place to date with children's service providers in the CHO Dublin north city and county area and in the wider CHO9 area regarding the Progressing Disability Services programme of reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

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.

The Progressing Disability Services programme in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) has had significant engagement with children's services providers throughout the planning and implementation process of the Programme.

The PDS programme was led by Progressing Disability Services Governance Group with representation across Children's Disability Services including Section 38 agencies, Primary Care and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

A Local Implementation Group included broader representation from specialist children's services, the National Council for Special Education and a parent representative. Communication regarding the programme has been sent to a broad range of stakeholders across Dublin North City and County.

The Progressing Disability Lead gave a presentation on Progressing Disability Services to the Dublin North City and Fingal Child and Young Persons Services Committees which has a very wide reach of statutory and voluntary agencies working with children in this catchment.

I have also met, along with the Children's Disability Services Development Manager, with Principals of all Special Schools in the area.

There is also a plan for further engagements including:

- A webinar for all referrers in November
- A presentation to all Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) members in Fingal
- Establishment of a Joint Health Education Collaborative Forum
- Establishment of Parent Forum and Parent Representative Groups

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olive Hanley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ms. Olive Hanley
Head of Service for Disability