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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 20473/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to develop an integrated case management system for all 91 children's disability network teams, as contained within the HSE Service Plan 2022; the timeframe for this system to be developed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**HSE Response**

In 2021, the remainder of ninety-one CDNTs were established to provide services and supports for all children with complex needs within a defined geographic area.

CDNTs are teams of health and social care professionals (e.g., occupational therapists, psychologists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, social workers) and others disciplines (e.g., nursing). The reconfiguration into CDNTs and the resultant staffing mix was influenced by a number of factors including the staff resources of existing services and the expressions of interest process. Hence, some CDNTs may have other disciplines such as nurses, family support workers or early educators.

Regardless of the nature of their disability, where they live, or the school they attend, every child with complex needs and their families have access to the full range of family centred services and supports of their CDNT according to their individual needs. This includes universal, targeted and specialist supports, such as individual therapeutic intervention and access to specialist consultation and assessment when needed. Supports are provided as is feasible in the child's natural environments - their home, school and community.

**National Information Management System for the CDNTs (CDNT IMS)**

A National Management Information System for all 91 CDNTs (CDNTIMS) is in development and when implemented, will provide contemporaneous activity data for all CDNTs.

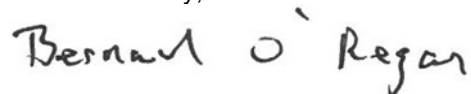


The budget allocated to the CDNT Information Management System (CDNTIMS) project is €4.5m over a 5-year term. The project intention is to provide a single, uniform system for the administration of disability services by the 91 CDNTs.

In addition to the national system, this project will also incorporate the HSE Assessment of Need (AoN) database and the National Day Services database.

There is an expected six months of development time (from May 2022), which will lead to an initial pilot with two CDNTs, and then rollout to the remaining 89 CDNTs within 9 months from pilot in 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard O'Regan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Mr Bernard O'Regan,  
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