

5th January, 2023

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Leinster House
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Re: PQ 61317/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available in counties Cavan and Monaghan respectively for children with epilepsy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tully

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 for Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo. It must be noted that children with epilepsy will also receive services from the acute health services sector under the care of a paediatric and/or neurology team.

In Community Healthcare services, the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) in each area meet the needs of children with complex needs. There are two CDNTs in the Cavan and Monaghan areas with a team in each county. Some children with complex needs who are under the care of the CDNT for their area may also have a diagnosis of epilepsy.

However, a child with a diagnosis of epilepsy only would not necessarily require the services of a CDNT if his/her needs were non-complex. Many children with epilepsy do not meet the eligibility criteria for the CDNT based on their needs and are supported by other services within the HSE and voluntary organisations. Primary Care provides services for children with non-complex needs, and if a child with epilepsy has needs that require interventions that are non-complex, they will access a service within Primary Care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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