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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: 40085/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on development of the national management information system for children's disability services; 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.

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.

Since 2019, more than 475 development posts have been allocated to children's disability services across the country. These posts have been assigned based on a number of factors, including the existing ratio of staff to the number of children with disabilities in each area.

Work is ongoing on mapping specialised services and supports, and paediatric supports available and gap analysis for children with highly complex needs including autism, in order to develop standardised approaches to integrated pathways of support for CDNTs and Primary Care staff.

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.

The contract with a third party software provider for the development, rollout, training, and migration from existing systems to CDNTIMS commenced in May 2022. The first 7 teams are scheduled to go live at the end of November 2022, with the remaining 84 teams going live on a phased basis over the following nine months, whereby all teams are scheduled to be live on CDNTIMS by the end of August 2023.

Yours sincerely



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