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Re: PQ ref 29232/22 - Children from Co Cavan CHO1 referred to Kells CDNT CHO8 – DSPQ22035

Details

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some children living in County Cavan CHO1 are referred to the Kells children's disability network team in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – P Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the referral of children from County Cavan which is in Community Healthcare Organisation Area 1 (CHO1) to Kells, Children's Disability Network Team in Community Healthcare Organisation Area 8 (CHO8). I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A number of years ago a national HSE mapping exercise was undertaken that examined population densities, patterns of travel, population projects etc. as part of the development of the Community Healthcare Network (CHN) configurations resulting in the Healy report. This identified the boundaries of each Community Healthcare Network area. The vast majority of County Cavan's residents are provided with services from CHO1. However, in some instances where the address of the referral is better served by a neighbouring CHO, services are therefore provided from that neighbouring area.

The Community Health Networks National Executive Summary report (2017) identified the optimum placement of a small number of areas where populations and patients would be better served by a neighbouring community healthcare team. In CHO1, the areas of Boyle Primary Care Team (CHO2) and Kingscourt (Co. Cavan) were examined. In relation to Kingscourt in Cavan the recommendation was that "The area of Kingscourt is currently part of the Meath Community Area from a primary care perspective and is part of Area 8 CHO boundary as described in the Healy report.....secondary care services should also be provided from CHO 8 to maintain the vision of the CHN operating model" It is for this reason that a small proportion of Co. Cavan avail of services from CHO8 including Children's Disability Network Team Services.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written in a cursive style.

Edel Quinn
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