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To ask the Minister for Health if he will categorise the differences between parent consultation clinic appointments and individual family support plan appointments; the number of parent consultation clinic appointments that have taken place since their inception; if the questionnaire issued ahead of such appointments are designed solely for parent consultation clinic appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Under Progressing Disability Services children with non-complex needs will be offered services through Primary Care and children with complex needs will be offered services through the Children's Disability Network Teams. Children with complex needs associated with their disabilities access services from a Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT). CDNTs are now in place across the South East and supports for children aged from birth to 18 years of age. Services and supports provided are based on children's needs rather than diagnosis and regardless of where they live or which schools they attend.

This service is for children who need the supports of an interdisciplinary team. The CDNT is an interdisciplinary team who work collaboratively with the child and family to identify the needs and priorities of the child and family. From this process a written plan is developed over time, called an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Each child's Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) is based on the family's own priorities. The family and the team together decide on goals and the strategies and supports which will help meet those goals.

With regard to your query in relation to a parent consultation, I am advised that a parent / family consultation was undertaken by one CDNT in order to engage with families who did not wish to engage in the above mentioned IFSP process. The particular consultation provided the families with an opportunity to engage with CDNT members around the IFSP process in order to progress services for their children.

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

Yours sincerely,

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