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Dail Eireann  
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**PQ 23352/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of family forums that have been established under each Children's Disability Network in County Wexford.**

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

Family participation in the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) is promoted through Family Forums at Children's Disability Network (CDN) level. The Family Forum provides an opportunity for families to discuss general issues and ideas about the children's disability services in the Network. Family members and carers of children and young people attending a CDNT in the Network are invited to join the Family Forum. The Family Forum will meet a minimum of twice per year.

I can confirm that we are in the process of establishing Family Forums across Wexford and South East Community Healthcare (SECH) however no forums have been established at the moment in County Wexford. Part of the process includes appointing facilitators for the various forums and identification and engagement with suitable individuals will commence shortly.

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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