



Oifig an Cheannaire Oibríochtaí,
Na Seirbhísí Míchumais/An Rannán Cúram Sóisialta,
31-33 Sráid Chaitríona, Luimneach.

Office of the Head of Operations,
Disability Services/Social Care Division,
31-33 Catherine Street, Limerick.

T: 00353 (0) 61 483369
Suíomh Gréasáin/Website: <http://www.hse.ie>

28th October 2022

Deputy Mattie McGrath,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
E-mail: mattie.mcgrath@oireachtas.ie

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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: 51542/22

To ask the Minister for Health when the National Information Management System for the CDNT's will be in operation; the timeline; the reason this is taking so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

In 2021, the remainder of ninety-one multidisciplinary CDNTs were established in 96 Network areas to provide services and supports for all children with complex needs within a defined geographic area.

CDNTs are teams of health and social care professionals (e.g., occupational therapists, psychologists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, social workers) and others disciplines (e.g., nursing). The reconfiguration into CDNTs and the resultant staffing mix was influenced by a number of factors including the staff resources of existing services and the expressions of interest process.

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.

Work is ongoing on mapping specialised services and supports, and paediatric supports available and gap analysis for children with highly complex needs, 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)

The development and testing of the Children's Disability Network Team Information Management System (CDNTIMS) is currently taking place.

EBCS Ltd. have been contracted to provide CDNTIMS to all 91 CDNTs for a period of five years, with the option for the HSE to extend the contract by a further 5 years, thus securing the infrastructure for the foreseeable future.

The CDNT team orientation exercise has been completed, whereby EBCS Ltd have engaged directly with each team to understand their existing data systems and data structures currently in place, in order to facilitate a migration of their existing bespoke data structures from each team's current system to a uniform structure within CDNTIMS. Software testing of CDNTIMS development is ongoing.

Following on from the Cyber-Attack in May 2021, to ensure the maximum security for the Cloud environment and all data contained within, the HSE's eHealth & Disruptive Technologies department are providing a Cloud environment for CDNTIMS to reside on.

HSE eHealth and Disruptive Technologies are currently working on the final design and build of these Cloud environments, which are now expected by eHealth and Disruptive Technologies to be available in February 2023 to allow CDNTIMS to go live.

In the interim period, until the live Cloud environments are available, software development of the CDNTIMS application remains on schedule.

CDNTIMS will be rolled out to all CDNTs in 2023, based on HSE eHealth and Disruptive Technologies' Cloud environment being available in February 2023. Where feasible, every effort will be made to expedite migration and rollout ahead of schedule.

Yours Sincerely,



**Mr Bernard O'Regan,
Head of Operations - Disability Services,
Community Operations**

