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Dear Deputy Lowry,

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: 53356/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability, currently referred and waiting to be seen by an organisation (details supplied), which is the largest body outside of the HSE providing child disability services, broken down into north and south Tipperary for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the length of time that each child is on the waiting list to be seen by the organisation; the type of service that they are waiting to attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: Enable Ireland

HSE Response

Children's Disability Network Teams

In line with the Progressing Disability Services model, resources assigned to children's disability services are allocated to the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs); 91 CDNTs are aligned to 96 Community Healthcare Networks (CHNs) across the country and are providing services and supports for children aged from birth to 18 years of age.

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.

Each CDNT is managed by a lead agency. Enable Ireland is the lead agency for a number of CDNTs across eight of the nine Community Healthcare Areas. It is the lead agency for one team in North Tipperary. It is not a lead agency for teams based in South Tipperary.



Current Information (October 2022) provided by Community Healthcare Area 3 (CHO 3) regarding the Enable Ireland led team in North Tipperary is as follows:

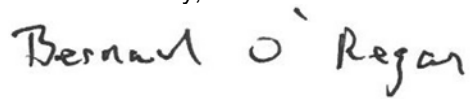
- Number of children waiting for service: 329
- Number of children active with service: 1123
- Longest wait for service in children aged 9 and is: 26 months
- Longest wait for service in children aged 8 and under is: 17 months

Where a child is referred with a complex physical disability they typically do not wait for service unless the team is waiting for further information.

As the CDNTs are a Multidisciplinary service, information is not collated for individual disciplines/services.

Historical information regarding the number of children waitlisted for children's disability services provided by section 38 and section 39 providers has not been available nationally Kind regards

Yours Sincerely,



**Mr Bernard O'Regan,
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