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Dear Deputy Tully,

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: 3304/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of the findings of the latest CDNT expression of preference process; and if he will make a statement on the matter

HSE Response

In Children's Disability Services, resources are assigned 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.

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 redeployment process.

When assigning the existing staff to the new CDNTs, an "Expression of Preference" process was used. This facilitated staff to indicate their preferred CDNT at the time of reconfiguration. This no longer applies given that all 91 teams have been established.

Yours sincerely,

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