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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: 36249/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 735 of 31 January 2023, the number of children's disability network teams that have been provided with the national information management system to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

91 Children's Disability Network Teams (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 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.



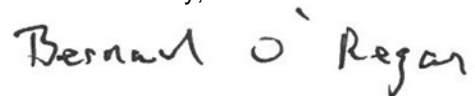
National Information Management System for the CDNTs (CDNT IMS)

The development and testing of the National 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.

14 teams have been fully migrated to CDNT-IMS. Rollout of CDNTIMS to all 91 CDNTs is taking place on a phased basis up to Q4 2023.

Yours Sincerely,



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