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Dear Deputy Ward,

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 29720/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on the Roadmap for Progressing Disability Services; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

PDS Roadmap

Further to discussions between Roderic O’Gorman, TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Anne Rabbitte, TD, Minister of State for Disabilities and Paul Reid, the then CEO of the Health Service Executive (HSE), it was agreed that an overarching roadmap document would be developed to support all stakeholders to progress the next phase of implementation of the CDNT model of support.

The PDS Roadmap is a strategy and operational document containing over fifty key actions for the Health Service Executive (HSE) and its funded service providers to deliver together in order to improve services for children and their families.

This document will:

- Clarify the commitment of the HSE, supported by Government, to providing high quality, responsive supports and services for children with disabilities;
- Provide an accountability and reporting framework for the implementation and delivery of supports and services.

The document has been developed by the HSE in collaboration with departmental officials for agreement between the Ministers, the Department of Children Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) and the HSE.



Development of the Roadmap

The road map has been developed based on the direct and indirect inputs of a wide range of stakeholders:

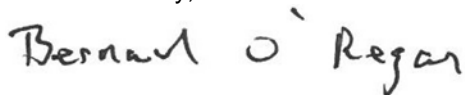
- The views of families have been captured at Family Forum meetings, that have been held over the past year to discuss their experience of the service
- The views of some staff working disability services, feedback from staff through their unions, feedback from staff through the various local management and governance structures
- The views of Chief Officers and Heads of Disability Services
- The views of Department of Health and DCEDIY officials
- The views of the Ministers of CEDiy, DOH, Minister of State for Disabilities.
- The input from the Clinical Programme for People with Disabilities and the National Disabilities Office

The Roadmap will address a range of issues including:

1. Integrated Services between Disabilities, Primary Care, CAMHS and Tusla
2. CDNT Service Access and Development, including the statutory Assessments of Need
3. Workforce planning
4. Communication and Engagement
5. Engagement with colleagues in Education and Support for Special schools

The Roadmap is currently with the HSE Board for approval.

Yours sincerely,



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