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Dear Deputy O'Snodaigh,

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 10608/23**

*To ask the Minister for Health can a child on a waiting list for services at one CDNT can move on the list to another adjacent CDNT; if they can if their time on the waiting list will be taken into account or will they be put at the end of the waiting list.*

#### **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.

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.

The HSE's National Policy on Access to Services for Children & Young People with Disability & Developmental Delay ensures that children are directed to the appropriate service based on the complexity of their presenting needs rather than based on diagnosis. Many children with a disability who have support needs can be effectively supported within mainstream health services. This policy provides a single point of entry, signposting parents and referrers to the most appropriate service (Primary Care for non-complex functional difficulties and Children's Disability Network Teams for complex functional difficulties).



Having established the level of need, children are assigned to either the CDNT or Primary Care service based on their home address. The HSE National Policy on Discharge and Transfer from CDNTs specifies that if a child is transferred between CDNTs due to a change of address, the new team must take the date of the original referral to a CDNT as the date he/she was referred, not the date of transfer.

Yours sincerely,

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