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Eoin Ó Broin TD
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Ref: PQ 46060/23

Re: *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to confirm that due to staffing issues within the children's disability network team in the CHO7 area, that no Hanen Programme courses will run for families in the area until January 2024 at the earliest; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

- Eoin Ó Broin TD

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the Children's Disability Network Managers to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

Below is a table outlining the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) Hanen Programme courses schedule.

CDNT	Hanen Programme Dates
1	Hanen Programme is currently being run
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3	No Hanen programme currently scheduled for '23 or '24
4	3 courses run in '23. Next scheduled course is Jan '24
5	October 2023 – Dec 2023 Hanen course CDNT5 and CDNT6 parents together.
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7	Next scheduled course is '24
8	Currently running course Oct – Nov 23

9	Due to the number of vacancies, the CDNT team are unable to facilitate Hanen Programme from current resource and are working with a private provider to facilitate Hanen Programme. When set up is complete Hanen dates will be confirmed for families waitlisted for this intervention in North Kildare CDNT.
10	<p>The following Hanen groups were run in 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hanen More Than Words: Feb-March - Hanen It Takes Two To Talk: May-June - Hanen Talkability: Two courses ran simultaneously April-July - No more courses due to run until spring 2024
11	In 2023 there was 1 Hanen Program offered. It ran from April 2023 to September 2023. It could not be repeated September to December 2023 due to staffing issues. It is hoped to include it on the calendar for January to June 2024.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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