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Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting initial appointment with a CDNT in Cork by waiting time, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has 14 Children’s Disability Network Teams across the Cork and Kerry region delivering services to children within their specific geographical location. Children’s access to services is based on his/her needs, i.e. a diagnosis is not required. Instead of a service providing for children with one type of disability only, resulting in some children unable to access a service, each CDNT provides for all children with complex needs arising from their disability who live in that area. Children with non-complex needs receive services at Primary Care level.

Currently, the teams have large numbers of complex children on their caseloads who require an interdisciplinary team approach and this is provided on a needs basis due to priority and risk to child, young adult, and family in all environments such as home, school and in the community.

Please see the table below which outlines the number of children and young adults on each Children’s Disability Network Team, in Cork, awaiting initial contact as at month end, September 2023.

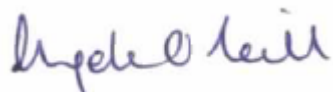
Area	CDNT	Cork Based Team Location	Total Number of Children waiting for an initial contact as at month end Sept. 2023
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	CDNT4	Northwest Children's Disability Network Team	27
	CDNT5	Northeast Children's Disability Network Team	150
	CDNT6	East Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team	78
	CDNT7	East Cork City Children's Disability Network Team	76

	CDNT8	Central Cork Childre'ns Disability Network Team	0
	CDNT9	North Cork City & Blarney Children's Disability Network Team	187
	CDNT10	West Cork Children's Disability Network Team	6
	CDNT11	South East Cork City Children's Disability Network Team	55
	CDNT12	West Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team	47
	CDNT13	Carrigaline/Kinsale/Bandon Children's Disability Network Team	154
	CDNT14	West Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team	36
		TOTAL	816

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

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