



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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9th September 2024

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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 question³, which were submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 34619/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to detail the work that has been done to ensure CDNT alignment with 96 community health networks, in line with action 2.14 of the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026; if it was determined whether additional CDNTs will need to be established; and if so, the location these additional CDNTs will be established.

PQ: 34620/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if, in line with action 2.15 of the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026, the CDNT information management system has been fully rolled out.

PQ: 34621/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if a CDNT national capital plan has been developed, in line with action 2.16 of the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026.

PQ: 34622/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if an 'interim clinical guidance on assessment of need' has been issued for staff, in line with action 2.18 of the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026.

PQ: 34623/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if six assessment of need hubs have been established, in line with action 2.19 of the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026. -



HSE Response

Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023 – 2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People

The HSE's Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023 – 2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People, approved by the HSE Board and launched by the Government and the HSE in October 2023 is a targeted Service Improvement Programme to achieve a quality, accessible, equitable and timely service for all children with complex needs as a result of a disability and their families.

It sets out the overall aim for Children's Disability Services, provided by the HSE and its partner agencies, for every child to have a childhood of inclusive experiences where they can have fun, learn, develop interests and skills, and form positive relationships with others in a range of different settings.

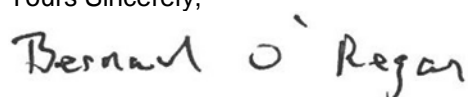
The Roadmap commenced implementation with the establishment of the Service Improvement Programme Board in February, followed with four Working Groups in March. Each group meets monthly and reports into the monthly Service Improvement Programme Board every month which in turn reports to the Roadmap Oversight Group chaired by the Minister of State, Anne Rabbitte.

With regard to the questions asked; in summary:

2.14	Ensure CDNT alignment with 96 Community Health Networks: of the 93 CDNTs in place, a small number in 2 areas require final realignment to their CHN .
2.15	50 of the 93 CDNTs have been migrated onto the CDNTIMS as of end of Aug 2024, including all HSE teams. Once a residual element in regards to the data protection process has been resolved, the HSE will work with all remaining organisations to arrange their data migration. Pending full roll-out, manual data collection is on-going. Information is collated nationally per CHO (in progress)
2.16	Capital plan development to ensure CDNT staff are colocated, a prerequisite to family centred services: will be progressed by the incoming Assistant National Director Estates – Disabilities.
2.18	Interim Clinical Guidance on Assessment of Need for staff was issued July 2023 with a webinar:(Completed)
2.19	Complete establishment of 6 Assessment of Need Hubs: In 2023, AON Administrative Hubs were set up in Community Healthcare Areas (CHOs) 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and AON Assessment Hubs in CHOs 3, 6 and 9. Under the Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People, these AON Hubs will be reviewed to develop a standardised approach and amalgamated into 6 AON Assessment Hubs aligned to the 6 Regional Health Areas.

The HSE and it's funded agencies are fully committed to the delivery of the Roadmap actions over the lifetime of the plan.

Yours Sincerely,



Bernard O'Regan
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