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PQ 7634/25 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to outline the process being undertaken to facilitate clinical supervision for the Coolock, Clontarf and Kilbarrack CDNT teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” - Naoise Ó Muirí, TD*

Dear Deputy Ó Muirí,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

St Michael's House (SMH) is the lead agency for Coolock and Kilbarrack Children's Disability Network Team's (CDNT's). All clinicians within these network teams have access to clinical supervision in their respective disciplines. Head clinicians work collaboratively with Children's Disability Network Managers (CDNM's) to ensure appropriate supervision is in place for all clinicians on the CDNT's to access. This is in line with best practice and in accordance with SMH supervision policy. Clinical supervision is recognised and prioritised as an essential and valued element of clinical practice with SMH CDNT's.

The Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) is the lead agency for Clontarf CDNT. Clinical supervision within the Clontarf CDNT is governed by CRC Clinical Supervision policy. This policy outlines the detailed roles and responsibilities of all staff and managers. To meet clinical supervision needs, clinical staff within the CRC engage in a framework of supervision that may include one or more of the following depending on the supervision needs of individuals:

- One-to-one supervision between a supervisor and supervisee (usually for more senior to junior staff).
- Group supervision in which two or more practitioners discuss their work with a supervisor.
- Peer supervision, where practitioners of the same grade discuss their work with each other.

Within the CRC this policy is implemented by the CDNMs in a collaborative approach with CRC's Heads of Discipline.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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