

26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Mr. John Paul O'Shea, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 8009/ 25**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the breakdown of the waiting lists for all CDNTs in CHO4, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O'Shea,

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.

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Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) have been established to provide services and supports for all children with complex disability needs within a defined geographic area. A child's access to CDNT services is based on their level of need. Children with non-complex needs receive services at Primary Care level.

CDNTs provide interdisciplinary supports for children with complex needs and their families; a number of professionals of different disciplines working together with the child and family, sharing information, decision-making and goal-setting. They do not maintain waiting lists for individual disciplines. Currently, CDNTs in Cork and Kerry have large numbers of children with complex disability needs on their caseloads. These children 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.

At the end of January 2025, Children's Disability Network Teams had 699 children awaiting an initial appointment. The table in appendix 1(a) provides a breakdown of data on initial contact waiting times by CDNT in this region. Appendix 1(b) provides CDNT geographical area and lead agency details.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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## Appendix 1 (a)

Table 1: CDNT - Initial Contact (IC) wait list at end January, 2025															
Metric	CDNT 1	CDNT 2	CDNT 3	CDNT 4	CDNT 5	CDNT 6	CDNT 7	CDNT 8	CDNT 9	CDNT 10	CDNT 11	CDNT 12	CDNT 13	CDNT 14	TOTAL
No. of children awaiting IC 0-3 months	13	11	3	17	19	11	22	7	20	7	7	12	12	8	169
No. of children awaiting IC 4-6 months	12	6	11	5	15	9	14	9	10	0	3	10	19	4	127
No. of children awaiting IC 7-12 months	9	17	2	0	0	11	7	3	8	0	4	8	21	2	92
No. of children awaiting IC over 12 months	0	13	0	1	0	16	9	14	118	0	71	60	8	1	311
Total no. of children awaiting initial contact	34	47	16	23	34	47	52	33	156	7	85	90	60	15	699

## Appendix 1(b)

CDNT	Name	Catchment area	Lead Agency
CDNT 1	North Kerry	Listowel/Castleisland	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland
CDNT 2	West Kerry	Trelee/ Dingle	Enable Ireland
CDNT 3	South Kerry	Iveragh/Kenmare/Sneem/Killorglin/Killarney	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland
CDNT 4	Northwest Cork	Charleville/ Buttevant/ Kanturk/Mallow /Millstreet /Newmarket	St. Joseph's Foundation
CDNT 5	Northeast Cork	Castlelyons/ Fermoy/ Mitchelstown)	St. Joseph's Foundation
CDNT 6	East Central Cork	Midleton/Youghal	Horizons (formerly Cope Foundation)
CDNT 7	East Cork City	Cobh/ Glanmire/ Riverstown/ Carrigtohill	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland
CDNT 8	Central Cork	Mayfield/ Montenotte/ Tivoli/ The Glen/ Blackpool/ Carrignavar/ St. Patrick's	Horizons (formerly Cope Foundation)
CDNT 9	North Cork City & Blarney	Blarney/ Sunday's Well/ City Centre/ Fairhill/ Faranree/ Gurranabraher/ Knocknaheeny	Horizons (formerly Cope Foundation)
CDNT 10	West Cork	Beara/ Bantry/ Mizen/ Drimoleague/ Dunmanway/ Balineen/ Roscarberry/ Skibbereen/ Clonakilty	CoAction
CDNT 11	South East Cork City	Douglas/ Blackrock/ Mahon/ Passage West/ Ballinlough	Enable Ireland
CDNT 12	West Central Cork	Ballincollig/ Bishopstown/ Macroom/ Ovens/ Wilton/ Crookstown	Enable Ireland
CDNT 13	Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon	Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon (Crosshaven)	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland
CDNT 14	South Cork City	Turners Cross/ Grange/ Frankfield/ Togher/ Ballypheane/ Greenmount/ The Lough/ Lehenaghbeg	Enable Ireland