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Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
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“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children on CDNT waiting lists in Kerry, broken down by team and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT) were established to provide interdisciplinary supports for children and young people with complex disability needs within defined geographical areas. Each team is managed by a lead agency.

The CDNTs in Kerry are managed by Brothers of Charity Southern Services (North Kerry CDNT 1 and South Kerry CDNT 3) and Enable Ireland (West Kerry CDNT 2). The most recently available data on children awaiting initial contact with a CDNT is outlined in the following table.

Table 1: Number of children awaiting Initial Contact appointments in Kerry CDNTs as at 30th June 2025.

	CDNT 01	CDNT 02	CDNT 03	TOTAL
No. of children waiting 0-3 months	9	9	18	36
No. of children waiting 4-6 months	5	5	5	15
No. of children waiting 7-12 months	14	13	1	28
No. of children waiting over 12 months	0	0	0	0
Total no. of children on the CDNT waiting list	28	27	24	79

Vacancies within CDNTs that arise due to statutory leave entitlements (maternity leave, parental leave); sick leave, career breaks etc. impact on the waiting times for initial contact and service delivery. The lead agencies continue to progress recruitment campaigns including recruitment abroad initiatives and every effort is being made to recruit to approved vacant posts.



If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

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