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Deputy Joanna Byrne
Dáil Éireann
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Re PQ 44200/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if there are any plans to collect data for individual disciplines such as SLT, OT, physiotherapy and so on, within the children's disability network teams in the Dublin and North East Regional Healthcare Area; and if she will make a statement on the matter – Joanna Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Children's Disability Network Teams deliver interdisciplinary services to children and families through a combination of parent/carer training, group work and some individual therapy for defined episodes targeting specified goals. A Children's Disability Network Team works collaboratively with a child (as appropriate to their age) and the child's family to develop an Individual Family Support Plan. The Individual Family Support Plan outlines agreed goals for the child and the supports the child may require to achieve their goals with their family. An Individual Family Support Plan will outline the type of interventions, training, group work and/or home based activities which are identified by the professionals working in the Children's Disability Network Team and agreed with the child and family. Professionals may include Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers and those from other disciplines.

Children's Disability Network Managers manage Children's Disability Network Teams services and includes the management of referrals, caseload, activity and workload of staff. Children's Disability Network Managers ensure that Children's Disability Network Teams service delivery is prioritised in line with the national HSE prioritisation policy whereby services are prioritised based on urgency and complexity of need promoting fairness of access for children and families. In this regard, the collection of individual discipline based activity in Children's Disability Network Teams does not form part of the HSE national Key Performance Indicators for Children's Disability Network Teams.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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