



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

Office of the Assistant National
Director, National Disability Team,
First Floor- Offices 13, 14, 15,
Roselawn House, University Business
Complex, National Technology Park,
Castletroy, Limerick.

30th May 2025

Deputy Peadar Toibin,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
E-mail: peadar.toibin@oireachtas.ie

PQ: 22051/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if an independent review has commenced on the children's disability network team service model; the nature of the review; who commissioned the review; the terms of reference for the review; the reason for the review; the date upon which the review commenced and is projected to be completed and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

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 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.

The Roadmap includes a robust suite of 60 actions including:

Action 2.17. Commission and complete an independent review of the CDNT service model in 12 months.

The HSE has commissioned the National Disability Authority (NDA), an independent statutory body providing evidence-informed advice and research to Government on disability policy and practice, to complete the 3-part review as follows:

1. Review of CDNT service model in operation
2. Determine optimal staffing for CDNTs
3. Review of the National Therapy Service in 16 Special Schools Pilot.

The Project Outline has been agreed between the HSE, National Disability Authority, DCEDIY and Minister of State.

The Review commenced in February and will be completed by end of 2025.

Part 1 includes:

- A review of current literature regarding health and social care supports for children with disabilities.
- Consideration of the competencies and skill mix required to inform CDNT composition, in order to optimally support children with complex disabilities and their families.
- Review of the operation of CDNTs in line with the 12 principles of PDS
- Review of current allocation of staff resources to child population per team within a CHO/RHA to be
- An evaluation of the experience of children and families in accessing and waitlisted for CDNT services.



- An evaluation of the experience of service providers and staff providing children's disability services including CDNTs, Primary Care, CAMHS and the Disability Act Office

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Aoife O'Donohue,
Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta Cúntóir, Seirbhísí Mhíchumas, Rochtain agus Imeascadh,
Assistant National Director, Disability Services, Transformation & Programme Coordination,
Access & Integration