

22nd May 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 23538/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of the numbers of persons on CDNT waiting lists in Kerry; the average waiting times to access these services; to provide a breakdown of the numbers waiting more than 12 months; to outline the longest wait times in years and months, in each of the years 2015 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The HSE South West Children’s Disability Service has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Children’s Disability Network Teams in HSE South West were established in 2021. These teams are managed by five lead agencies; Horizons, Brothers of Charity Southern Services, Enable Ireland, St. Joseph’s Foundation and CoAction West Cork. There are fourteen CDNTs operating in HSE South West; eleven in Cork and three in Kerry. The CDNTs were established to provide interdisciplinary supports for children and young people with complex disability needs within defined geographical areas.

The CDNTs in Kerry are managed by Brothers of Charity Southern Services (2 teams) and Enable Ireland (one team).

The data that you have requested is not available from 2015. We are able to provide information from 2022 to March 2025 as detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Children awaiting an initial contact appointment with CDNTs in Kerry

	JAN 2022	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	MAR 2025
No. of children waiting 0-3 months	30	46	43	33	29
No. of children waiting 4-6 months	30	33	29	23	30
No. of children waiting 7-12 months	19	30	36	34	18
No. of children waiting over 12 months	12	4	21	10	7
Total no. of children on the CDNT waiting list	91	113	129	100	84

Vacancies within CDNTs which 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 you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
HSE South West



Appendix:

Table1: Children's Disability Network Teams Physiotherapy (PT) Posts Approved, Vacant and Filled

CDNT	Name	Catchment area	Lead Agency	Approved PT WTE	Filled PT WTE	%	Filled post & PT currently on leave	%	Vacant PT WTE	%
CDNT 1	North Kerry	Listowel/ Castleisland	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 2	West Kerry	Trelee/ Dingle	Enable Ireland	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 3	South Kerry	Iveragh/ Kenmare/ Sneem/ Killorglin/ Killarney	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.10	2.10	100%				
CDNT 4	Northwest Cork	Charleville/ Buttevant/ Kanturk/ Mallow /Millstreet /Newmarket	St. Joseph's Foundation	3.20	3.00	94%	0.20	6%		
CDNT 5	Northeast Cork	Castletelyons/ Fermoy/ Mitchelstown	St. Joseph's Foundation	2.00	1.60	80%	0.40	20%		
CDNT 6	East Central Cork	Midleton/ Youghal	Horizons	2.00	1.60	80%	0.40	20%		
CDNT 7	East Cork City	Cobh/ Glanmire/ Riverstown/ Carrigtohill	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.30	1.30	57%	1.00	43%		
CDNT 8	Central Cork	Mayfield/ Montenotte/ Tivoli/ The Glen/ Blackpool/ Carrignavar/ St. Patrick's	Horizons	3.60	3.00	83%			0.6	17%
CDNT 9	North Cork City & Blarney	Blarney/ Sunday's Well/ City Centre/ Fairhill/ Faranree/ Gurranaברה/ Knocknaheeny	Horizons	1.50	1.50	100%				
CDNT 10	West Cork	Beara/ Bantry/ Mizen/ Drimoleague/ Dunmanway/ Balineer/ Roscarberry/ Skibbereen/ Clonakilty	CoAction	3.20	2.40	75%	0.30	9%	0.5	16%
CDNT 11	South East Cork City	Douglas/ Blackrock/ Mahon/ Passage West/ Ballinlough	Enable Ireland	3.22	2.52	78%	0.20	6%	0.5	16%
CDNT 12	West Central Cork	Ballincollig/ Bishopstown/ Macroom/ Ovens/ Wilton/ Crookstown	Enable Ireland	4.00	1.50	38%	1.00	25%	1.5	38%
CDNT 13	Carrigaline / Kinsale/ Bandon	Carrigaline/ Kinsale/ Bandon (Crosshaven)	Brothers of Charity Southern Ireland	2.58	1.50	58%			1.08	42%
CDNT 14	South Cork City	Turners Cross/ Grange/ Frankfield/ Togher/ Ballyphehane/ Greenmount/ The Lough/ Lehenaghbeg	Enable Ireland	1.50	1.00	67%	0.50	33%		
Totals				34.20	26.02	76%	4.00	12%	4.18	12%