

January 2022

Dear Colleague,

Following on from our communication in March/April 2021 where we advised that the Mid-West Children's Disability Services had reviewed the requirements under the National Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People (PDS) programme and had aligned our Children's Disability Network Team's (CDNT) catchment areas with the Community Healthcare Networks (CHN's) with access based on home address. We also announced our intention to set up a new additional CDNT in the Mid-West from early 2022.

We are now delighted to let you know that the new South City CDNT became operational on 10th January 2022, with St Gabriels Foundation assuming the role of Lead Agency for this CDNT. The new South City CDNT has been aligned to Community Healthcare Network 7.

The change to CDNT services for families living in this area will be implemented as follows:

- All existing caseload remain with their current CDNT.
- From 10th January 2022, all new referrals for children living in CHN 7 will be sent to the new South City CDNT.
- The existing CDNT waiting lists will be reconfigured based on the new South City catchment area, with referrals for families who live in CHN7 being incorporated into the waiting list of the new CDNT by date of first referral.
- In existing services, transitions between teams occur when, for example, a child is transitioning to a new school or home. Where previously transfers would have happened based on school address for school aged children, transfers will now occur based on home address. In this way, over time, the existing caseload will align with home based access to CDNT.

The CDNT catchments have now been fully aligned with our CHN as follows:

CNDT Catchment	Community Health Network (CHN)
Clare CDNT	CHN 1 and CHN 3
North Tipperary CDNT	CHN 2
West Limerick CDNT	CHN 4
East Limerick CDNT	CHN 5
Treehouse CDNT	CHN 6
South City CDNT (new CDNT)	CHN 7
Blackberry Park CDNT	CHN 8

Exemptions to the above home-based access to CDNT have been agreed for children attending three Special Schools in the Limerick City area, with access to CDNT based on school address for these children and their families:

Special School	CDNT
St Vincent's School, Lisnagry	East Limerick CDNT
St Gabriels's School, Dooradoyle	Treehouse CDNT
Catherine McAuley's School, Limerick	Blackberry Park CDNT



We will continue to keep you informed of any changes required under the PDS Programme as agreements are reached.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact the relevant Team for further information. Contact details for each Team are as follows:

CDNT	Address	Phone number
Clare CDNT	St. Joseph's Hospital, Lifford Road, Ennis, Co. Clare	065 6863500
North Tipperary CDNT	Belmont, St. Conlon's Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	067 40130
West Limerick CDNT	Gortboy, Newcastlewest, Co. Limerick	069 61919 (Ext 200)
East Limerick CDNT	Unit 4, Crossgalla, Eastway Business Park, Ballysimon Rd., Limerick	061 603400
Treehouse CDNT	St. Gabriel's Centre, Springfield Drive, Dooradoyle, Limerick	061 302733
South City CDNT	14 Parnell Street, Limerick, V94D378	086 1081813
Blackberry Park CDNT	Ballykeeffe, Limerick	061 498733/ 061 498161

Yours sincerely,

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