

EAST LIMERICK CHILDREN SERVICES FAMILY NETWORK MEETING 16TH JUNE 2025



Avista



INTRODUCTIONS

- Interim Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) - East Limerick Children Services: Nicola Haran Breen
- Children's Services Manager Avista: Baerbel Schlueter
- Administrator: Brian O'Flanagan

WELCOME AND AGENDA

1. Introductions/Ground rules – Nicola/Brian/Baerbel
2. East Limerick Children's Services update - Nicola
3. Update on activities
 - Newsletter / Quick Links Page
 - Booklet – Mid-West Website – Starting School
 - Toilet Training / Avista Booklet
 - Staffing & Stats
 - Link with other agencies – CAMHS / Primary Care / Seno's
4. Family Representatives / Vacant Position /Election or Nomination
5. Family Network Meeting dates 2025
6. Conclusion of meeting

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

- Family Network meetings are the method by which families can formally engage with their local CDNT to support the further development of the service and look at service improvements
- Part of the governance structure for Progressing Disability Services
- An opportunity for you to share:
 - What you think is working
 - What you think isn't working
 - What could be improved

GROUND RULES

1. Be Respectful
2. Let everyone speak without interruptions
3. Stay on Topic (Agenda items)
4. Confidentiality matters (respect privacy)
5. Limit side conversations



UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

1. [Newsletter](#) / [Quick Links Page](#)
2. [Entrance to Service Booklet \(DRAFT\)](#)
3. Mid-West Website ... www.mwcds.ie
4. Avista is currently awaiting allocation of funding for website development
5. Work in progress about letters and informing families at ELCS
6. Starting Primary School (Generic / Autism Specific)
7. Transition Secondary School (Feedback)
8. Toilet Training [Avista Booklet](#) / Regional Toilet Training Information

EAST LIMERICK CHILDREN'S SERVICES UPDATE

- East Limerick Children Services is operated by Avista in partnership with the HSE. We currently have **957** children accepted to our service. **753 children active.** **204** children are currently on the waiting list. Approximate waiting time for start of service provision: **24 plus months**

Sub-Team	Current Staffing	Current Vacant Post / Vacancies
0-9 yrs team - Spraoi	7.08 WTE Filled / 6.52 WTE Vacant	PT, OT, PSYCH, SW, SLT, CN, Ass Psych
9-18 yrs team – Sonas	9.97 WTE Filled / 1.65 WTE Vacant	Psych, Ther. Ass.
St Vincent Team	2.6 WTE Filled / 0 WTE Vacant (SLT, OT, SW, Psychology); supported by Nursing and Physiotherapy 0.5 WTE Maternity leave Senior Social Worker	

- Maternity leave: Social Worker St Vincent Team until Sept 2025, 1 Senior SLT and 1 Senior OT**
- Admin staff: 2 Clerical Officers, Administrator and CDNM**
- To support and ensure governance: Children Services Manager**

Family Representatives / Vacant Position /Election or Nomination

Currently we require representatives to represent this parent group and we will be sending out expression of interest in the coming months when you can either self nominate or be nominated to represent this group.

For more information, please see [Family Network](#)

If you have any questions, please email elcs.reception@avistaclg.ie

FAMILY FORUM DATES FOR 2025 / 2026

- PROVISIONAL ELCS Network meetings for 2025 / 2026:
 - Monday - 20/10/2025
 - Monday - 02/02/2025
 - Monday - 27/04/2025
- We will review / confirm dates at **October meeting**
- Venue for ELCS Network meetings **to be decided**.

THANK YOU!