

EAST LIMERICK CHILDREN SERVICES FAMILY NETWORK MEETING

06 NOVEMBER 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 of ELCS: Brian O'Flanagan
- Senior Speech and Language Therapist: Caitriona Ryan

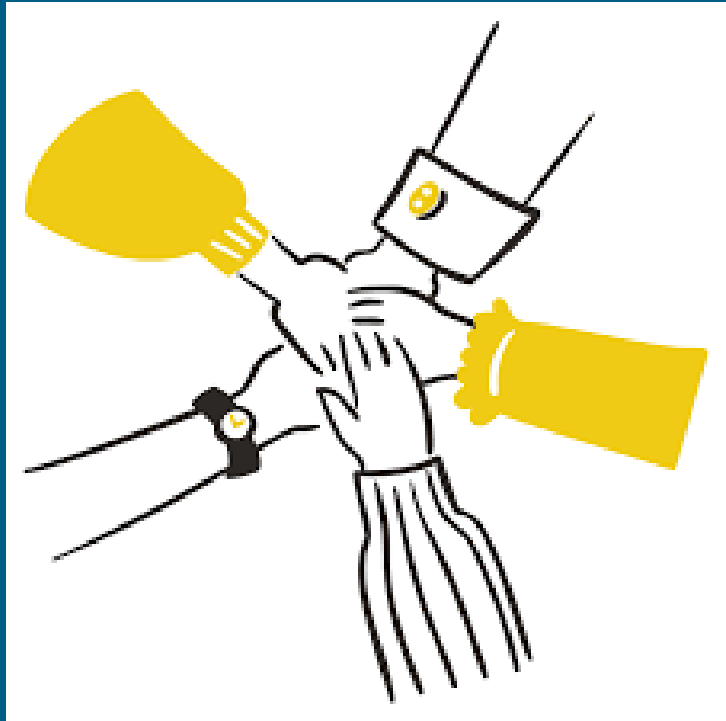
HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

- 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

WELCOME AND AGENDA

1. Introductions/Ground rules – Nicola
2. Update on activities - Nicola
3. Building a Positive Relationship with food & discussion- Caitriona Ryan
4. KAER Communications- Jennifer O'Neill
5. Family Network Parent Rep nominations
6. Family Network Meeting dates 2026
7. Conclusion of meeting

GROUND RULES



ELCS UPDATES

New staff that joined the team

Clare, Social Worker Deirdre, Sen. Psychologist Sarah, Sen. Speech and Language Therapist

Jeanne, Admin

Pending: Therapy Assistant, Senior Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist Social Work, CDNMM

Vacancies:

Psychology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy. Recruitment campaigns are underway to fill these

New initiatives:

Service Introduction Booklet Launched

Entry to Service Meetings

Newsletter

Waitinglist initiatives & funding applied for

Emotional Regulation Group

Developing Family Forum and co design with parents

AGENDA ITEMS FROM FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES

General discussion on how network meetings and the FRG are going

- Two reps put forward for national group reviewing the FRG
- Biggest barrier to get families – work commitments
- Mixing up virtual and in-person and morning and evening meetings, still poor attendance.

NCSE Therapeutic Support Services

- Discussed understanding of new NCSE TSS service pilot being rolled out – loss of staff from CDNT's & PC

Discussed difficulties with the new NCSE process, and issues with October deadline, and impact on families – stress and distress.

- National disability office wrote to Dept of Education re impact of same.

Item raised: concerns about education and health and absence of communication across both(nationally). This was highlighted at recent CEO Engagement with parents

- National cross-departmental group established earlier this year for discussion of all these issues

Further discussion on respite referral process and parental awareness of this process.



FAMILY FORUM DATES FOR 2026

- ELCS Network meetings for 2026: to be agreed –feedback on time/Venue from families
- Venue and times for ELCS Network meetings to be confirmed

THANK YOU!