

Spring Edition 2026

# Newsletter



Children's  
Disability  
Network  
Team

## North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT)

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) Newsletter.

I hope you are finding our newsletter useful. Please do pop us an email if there are topics you would like to see us include.

*Ann Somers*  
CDNT Manager



### Update on Staffing

Unfortunately until now we have been unsuccessful in recruiting into our vacant posts and we have a number of staff on longer term leave. However, we have a number of staff in the recruitment process and so we hope that our staffing will have improved by the summertime. Access to Psychology remains a significant challenge.

The current on-going reduction in staffing unfortunately continues to impact on how quickly we are able to respond to requests, take children off the waiting lists and to run the interdisciplinary groups we usually do. Please know that we are doing all that we can to try to fill our vacant posts and to keep waiting times as short as possible.

We are currently recruiting a number of positions so please do share the information below with anyone you know who may be looking for a position, or looking to move position.

We will continue to keep you updated on our staffing via our Family Network Meetings and our Newsletters. I am hopeful that I will be able to provide introductions to lots of new staff in our Summer Edition.



## Your Family Network

Please join us at your next Family Network Meeting.

**When:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 7pm

**Where:** Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh

★ **Speaker: Family Carers Ireland** will visit to tell families about the services they offer. ★

**Other topics that we cover:** we will give an update on staffing on the team, waiting lists, initiatives happening and so on. We will also discuss how we can improve our service. We don't discuss individual cases but if you have a question about your family you can give us a call or send us an email.

You can find out more information here:

<https://www.mwcds.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/North-Tipperary-Family-Network-What-Is-It.png>

or



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A reminder to everyone that our Family Network are seeking to elect a new Family Representative - if you might be interested you can find more information here:



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# Upcoming Events



## EACD

The European Academy of Childhood-onset Disability (EACD) Congress '26 is being hosted in Galway in June 2026. providing opportunities for people with childhood-onset disabilities in Ireland to explore innovative sports and creative activities over the four days of the congress and beyond. You can find out more:

<https://www.eacd2026.com/every-1-counts> or



## Events in Your Area

The North Tipperary CDNT share information about activities, webinars, opportunities and supports available to families in the North Tipperary area on our website. Please do check our website regularly to see whats running in your area that may be of interest to you and your family. You can find this information on the North Tipperary tab of the News and Events page on [www.mwcds.ie](http://www.mwcds.ie). You can follow the direct link here:

<https://www.mwcds.ie/ntcs-events/> or



## Your Children's Disability Network Team's Current Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in Social Work, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Psychology. Vacant posts can be applied for at:

<https://enableireland.ie/about-us/careers>

**If there are topics that you would like to see included in our newsletter, please do let us know.**

## Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP)

The IFSP is a plan made by the family and the CDNT in partnership. The plan brings together the child's and family's needs, priorities and desired outcomes with the team's knowledge and expertise. The goals identified in the plan dictate what supports the team offers your child and family.

You can find out more about the IFSP here:



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