



Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People Louth and Meath

What is Progressing Disability Services (PDS)?

This is a national programme changing how services are being provided to children aged 0-18 years to improve the quality of services to your child or young person.

All existing children's disability teams are joining in this change. You might know them as the "Early Intervention Team" 0-6 years or the "School Age Team" 6-18 years.

Some children will have their needs met by their local Primary Care Services. Other children will need a team of professionals working together called a Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT).

PDS is a fairer way to provide services for children with disabilities.

It allows:

- Easier access to the services children need
- Services to be based on the child's needs rather than on their diagnosis
- Children and families to have services where they live
- Families, health services and schools to work together to support children

How will this work in County Louth and County Meath?

There will be six Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) across Louth and Meath. There will be a one Children's Disability Network Manager for each team.

Each team will have staff from the existing teams. They will provide a range of different services in an inter-disciplinary way. This means that the professionals on the team work together with the child and family to share information, make decisions and set goals. You will have a key contact from the team who will work with you to set goals. You will set goals around your child and family's priorities. These goals will become a plan called an IFSP (Individual Family Support Plan).

The teams in Louth and Meath

Team	Area covered	Managers contact details
CDNT No: 1 Lead Agency: HSE	Dundalk, Cooley, Carlingford & Castlebellingham	Rosemary Hutcheson  northlouth.cdnt@hse.ie  042 9381400
CDNT No: 2 Lead Agency: HSE	Kells 1 and 2, Oldcastle & North Meath	Aravind Sudhaharan  meathpds@hse.ie  046 9282829
CDNT No: 3 Lead Agency: HSE	Drogheda, Clogherhead & Dunleer	Liam Callaghan  southlouth.cdnt@hse.ie  041 9842423
CDNT No: 4 Lead Agency: Enable Ireland	Ashbourne, Duleek, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, Laytown, Bettystown, Stamullen	Orla Clancy  MeathPDS@enableireland.ie  01 824 0696
CDNT No: 5 Lead Agency: Enable Ireland	Navan 1,2,3 and Slane	Anine Willemse  MeathPDS@enableireland.ie  049 9092530
CDNT No: 6 Lead Agency: HSE	Athboy, Dunboyne, Enfield, Summerhill, Trim	Louise McDermott  meathpds@hse.ie  046 9091400

What will this mean for your child?

The team working with your child depends on where you live. This will mean a new team for some children. We will contact you closer to the time to let you know who your child's team will be.

What will happen to my child's place on the waiting list? Waiting lists will remain with the team in each area. Waiting lists are generally kept in order of the date the team accepts a child's name.

What happens next?

The Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) will form in the next few months.

Nothing will change until you receive more information from us.

We will contact you again when we know what team you will be with. We will let you know:

- who your child's team is
- who the Children's Disability Network Manager is
- where your team is based
- what date the change will happen
- who your point of contact on the team is

Where to get further information?

The HSE website includes information about Progressing Disability Services:

www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/progressing-disability/

There is also a video (over an hour long) with more information you can watch at:

www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/NuQXIOWBZt4