



## Message from the CDN

Welcome to our second newsletter for families. In this edition, you'll find details about our team and our family forums. We also include information on local events and CDNT workshops and activities.

Below are some of our upcoming courses and workshops for families:

- **Little Lámh\* (Starting 11<sup>th</sup> September):** For parents, carers, and family members who want to learn introductory Lámh signs to support their child's communication.
- **Family Lámh\* (Starting 1<sup>st</sup> October):** For families looking to build on using Lámh signs to communicate.
- **Parents Plus Special Needs Programme (Starting 1<sup>st</sup> October):** Aimed at parents raising a child or teenager with an intellectual disability or additional needs, focusing on managing challenges, supporting development, and family well-being.
- **Sibshop (October Mid-Term):** A fun, supportive workshop created specifically for siblings of children with additional needs, giving them a space to connect, share experiences, and have fun together.

Information on all upcoming workshops and courses will be sent to families via email soon.

**Iseult Brodie, Children's Disability Network Manager**

\*Learn more about Lámh here:

<https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/support/universal/lamh/>

## Caseload

### Open and waitlist numbers

- **372 children are currently open to the team.**
- **199 children are on the waiting list.**
- **We are working through 2022 referrals.**

\*These figures are correct as of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026

## Staffing

Our staffing allocation is 26 WTE\*. We have 20 WTE in post, with one full-time team member on maternity leave.

Recruitment is underway for additional Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Speech and Language Therapy and Psychology posts.

\*WTE = whole time equivalent. This is the measurement we use for staffing. It combines our full-time and part-time roles.



## Contact us

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## Our last family forum

Our forum took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm in CDNT 6. Our Principal Social Worker, Niamh, was our guest speaker. She spoke about the role of social work on the CDNT and discussed community supports available to families over the summer months. Parents found it very helpful.

Our previous family reps have now stepped down from their roles. We are continuing to seek nominations for new family reps. If you would like to know more about the role of family reps, please visit: [Your Family Forum | CHO7 Children's Disability Network Teams](#)

We will be holding elections at our next Family Forum. Please contact us by phone or email if you would like more information about the role and the election process.

## Our next family forum:

**When: 4th November 2026**

**Time: 9:30-11:30am**

**Where: CDNT 6 Palmerstown**

We will send you the invitation and how to book for this forum closer to the date.

### Family Forum survey

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our family forums, whether you attend them or not. Please scan the QR code or click on the link below to access our survey. It will only take 2 minutes to complete. The **deadline for feedback is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026**. Thank you.



[CDNT 6 \(Palmerstown\) - survey on family forums and family engagement – Fill out form](#)

# Looking for a Special Class or Special School Placement for September 2027?

## Parents Notify

**Parents Notify** is for parents and guardians who are seeking a new Special Class or Special School placement for their child.



### What do I need to do?

- ✓ Complete the **Parents Notify** form by **1 September 2026**
- ✓ Submit any supporting reports by **15 September 2026**

Information you'll need

- Child's PPS Number
- Date of Birth
- Home Address and Eircode
- Relevant professional report(s)
- Student Support Plan (if available)



### What happens next?

Your local SENO will:

- Review the information you provide
- Support you through the process
- Discuss eligibility criteria
- Provide information on local placement options
- Write to you with the outcome



### Remember

**Parents Notify is not a school application.**

You must apply directly to schools for enrolment. A Letter of Eligibility is required to support your application.

For more information, visit **NCSE.ie**



An Chomhairle Náisiúnta  
um Oideachas Speisialta  
National Council  
for Special Education



Parents Notify operates in line with the Department of Education and Youth's requirements for Special Class and Special School placements. Further information is available at **NCSE.ie**.

[Parents Notify – Special Class/Special School Placement - NCSE](https://www.ncse.ie/Parents-Notify)



## Community supports – AsIAm Hub

The AsIAm Community Hub is based at: 5A Swift's Alley (off Francis Street), The Liberties, Dublin, D08 TN88.

It is a welcoming local space where autistic people and their families can get information, advice, and peer support in a positive, non-clinical setting.

It provides advice clinics for autistic adults, and runs social groups for children and young people from ages 3-6 years; 7-10 years; 10-12 years; 13-17 years; 18+ years; as well as for parents:

<https://asiam.ie/what-we-do/community-hubs/community-support-hub-2>

## Calendar of events

We list local inclusive events to our website, [www.cho7cdnt.ie](http://www.cho7cdnt.ie), some of which are listed below. We also include some webinars that might be of interest to you:

- Upcoming events: <https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/latest/events/>
  - [Inclusive Multi-sport Camp with Active South Dublin \(Collinstown\)](#)
  - [Webwise webinars: screentime advice for parents and families](#)
  - [Relaxed family movie screen – Lucan Library](#)
  - [Teen craft club – Clondalkin Library](#)
  - [Lego club – Clondalkin Library](#)
  - [Sensory explorers – North Clondalkin Library](#)

### Carers' Coffee Morning

CDNT 6 are running monthly carers' coffee mornings which provide a safe space to come together and share experiences of being a carer for a child or young person with additional needs.

Coffee mornings are facilitated by our Family Support Worker, Divya. The next coffee morning will be on **9<sup>th</sup> September @ 10:30am** in the **CDNT 6 building**.