



Message from the CDNMM

This is my first newsletter to families. You will still receive email updates from us, but this is another way we hope to stay in touch.

Here you will find details of our next family forum, and other upcoming local events that might be of interest to you.

Liz Meaney retired after 5 years in the role as children's disability network manager. I have since taken over in the role of CDNMM and I look forward to working with you all.

Liz wanted to thank our 2 family reps, Suzanne O'Brien and Jennifer Nesbitt, who have worked closely with the Family Representative Group in the region. They have also supported and steered the Family Forum on behalf of CDNT 6.

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Contact us

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Caseload

Open and waitlist numbers

- **361 children are currently open to the team.**
- **217 children are on the waiting list.**
- **Since April, we have been working through 2022 referrals.**

Staffing

Our total staffing allocation is 25 WTE*. We currently have 20 WTE in post, with one full-time and one part-time team member on maternity leave.

All unspent salary funding is being reinvested into targeted waiting list initiatives and a temporary assistant post to maximise service capacity.

Our team continues to expand:

- We have welcomed a new Principal Social Worker, Family Support Worker, and speech and language therapist to our team.
- Recruitment is currently underway for additional Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Psychology posts.

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

Our last family forum

Our forum took place on 4 March at 9.30am in CDNT 6. One of our Senior Occupational Therapists, Sinéad, was our guest speaker. She did a question-and-answer session on sensory processing and how to be a sensory detective, to identify your child's sensory needs and preferences. Parents found it very helpful. If you'd like to learn more about sensory processing and emotional regulation, see the links below from our website, www.cho7cdnt.ie

- <https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/support/universal/sensory-processing/>
- <https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/support/universal/what-is-emotional-regulation/>

We will be holding elections for 2 new family reps for CDNT 6 at our next family forum.

Parent Communications

Kieran, the forum facilitator, led a discussion with the parents on their experience of communications from us in the last six months.

Areas where families are satisfied included:

- **Responses to emails and phone calls through cdnt6@stewartscare.ie and tel: 01 6518130** – these were reported as being answered within a few days.
- **Children who are receiving service** – parents were aware of who they should contact regarding their child's supports.

Key areas for improvement included:

- **Better updates while waiting for services**, with parents expressing a wish for regular updates on waiting list status.
- **Communication with parents of universal group access for all** – parents on the waitlist requested regular updated information regarding groups and community access whilst on the waitlist.

Contact with your CDNT:

- **How to contact us:** admin team: Fiona or Michelle Tel: 01-6518130 Email: cdnt6@stewartscare.ie
- Please let us know if you change address, email or phone number.
- Please phone if you need to cancel an appointment.
- Families can contact the team at any time to request an update on their **waiting list position and what date of referrals the team are currently opening**.
- The service aims to remain **paperless where possible**, so communication will usually be by email, with post used where families do not have email access. When we receive bounced back emails we will contact you for an updated email address.

Our next forum: Monday, 22 June, from 7-9pm
Location: CDNT 6



Community supports – local partnerships and parent-led groups

We work closely with **Liffey Partnership** in Ballyfermot. We have run Lámh courses with them before, and Parents Plus courses.

Neurovibe Tribe in Dublin 10 is a parent-led group going from strength to strength. You can follow their work and learn about local events they are organising or involved with on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). You can email them at: neurovibetribe@gmail.com

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 29 May 2026**. Thank you.



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

Calendar of events

We add inclusive events to our website, as well as information on seasonal camps information. See www.cho7cdnt.ie for more information:

- Upcoming events: <https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/latest/events/>
- Upcoming summer camps: <https://www.cho7cdnt.ie/latest/events/summer-camps-2026/>
 - We'll keep adding information about summer camps to this page in the coming weeks.

Upcoming workshops at CDNT 6

We are preparing a calendar of workshops for the rest of the year. We will be in touch when it is complete.