



Message from the CDNM



Welcome to the 2nd newsletter from CDNT Brú Chaoimhín. In this edition, we will give you updates on our recent family forum and on our team. We will also share other general information that may be of benefit to you.

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Please let us know if your contact details have changed. Our phone line can be busy, so if you cannot get through, please leave a voicemail.

Staffing

We are 63% staffed.

Our team is made up of:

- occupational therapists
- speech and language therapists
- physiotherapists
- psychologists
- a social worker
- and an administrator.

We continue to recruit for more occupational therapists and speech and language therapists.

We are also recruiting for a dietitian, and therapy assistant to join our team.



Caseload Open and waitlist numbers

There are approximately 500 children receiving services from CDNT Brú Chaoimhín. These children are on our open caseload.

There are 100 children and young people waiting for services.

We apologise to families that are waiting for services. Please contact us and we can tell you when we will be able to add your child or young person to our open caseload.

Our last forum

Our most recent family forum was on 10th June in Brú Chaoimhín. Nineteen parents attended. Parents got an update from our Family Representatives, along with a service update from the CDNM. A Child and Family Support network coordinator from Tusla shared helpful information on practical family supports that are available through Tusla and local family resource centres. Please contact cdnt.bru@hse.ie if you would like to get this information.

Our next forum

The next family forum will take place on **29th September at 7pm**. Attendance at the family forum is optional. It is for parents/ adults only. Invites will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Summer holiday and travel tips



The Just A Minute (JAM) card is for people with learning disabilities, autism, or a communication difference. It is to tell others that they need a 'minute' in a discreet and easy way when they are in environments, such as supermarkets or public transport. JAM cards are available as an app, or a physical card. You can apply online for free or pick one up from your local library: <https://www.jamcard.org/>



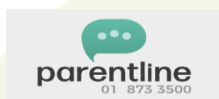
The Transport for Ireland website and app has information on accessibility supports on public transport in Ireland. There is a journey planner app, and easy read guides to bus routes: <https://www.transportforireland.ie/accessibility/>



Dublin Airport has two sensory rooms for passengers who might feel overwhelmed in an airport surrounding. There is one room each in Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Dublin Airport also has the Important Flyer lanyard, to highlight to staff that passengers may need additional support going through the screening process: <https://www.dublinairport.com/accessibility>



Family Carers Ireland offers free support services including a national careline, counselling, respite care, training, and emergency care planning: <https://www.familycarers.ie/>



Parentline is a confidential, free, and non-judgmental helpline in Ireland that provides support, information, and guidance to parents and guardians. Their trained facilitators offer a listening ear and practical advice: <https://parentline.ie/> or 01 873 3500.

Important Supports: National Counsel of Special Education (NCSE)

The NCSE offers a wide range of information and support services.

A key support available is the Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) service. SENOs work directly with schools and families to help children access appropriate educational supports, including special classes, school placements, assistive technology and school transport. They can also advise families during important transitions such as starting school or moving to post primary education. Families can search for their local SENO contact through the NCSE website:

<https://www.ncse.ie/parents/support-network/seno/seno-contact-list/>

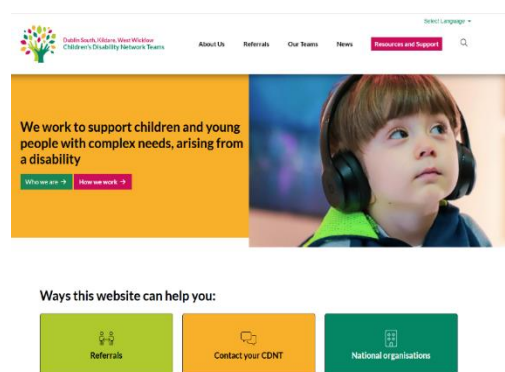
CDNT website

www.cho7cdnt.ie

If you are on our waitlist, please look at our website for helpful resources and tips.

Live webinars

We also host live webinars on popular topics for parents that are on the waitlist. You will be contacted when they are next running.



Family Forum survey

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our family forums, whether you attend them or not. It will only take 2 minutes to complete. **The deadline for feedback is 31 August 2026.** Thank you.



[CDNT 1 \(Brú Chaoimhín\) - survey on family forums and family engagement – Fill out form](#)

Farewell to Denis

Many of you will have met Denis, our Porter, at reception. Denis has welcomed our visitors to Brú Chaoimhín for 12 years and retires this month. We want to wish Denis and his family the very best in his retirement and their next adventure. Our reception will be quieter without his friendly presence to welcome families to Brú. Thank you, Denis!