

Mid Kildare CDNT

Newsletter | Spring 2026

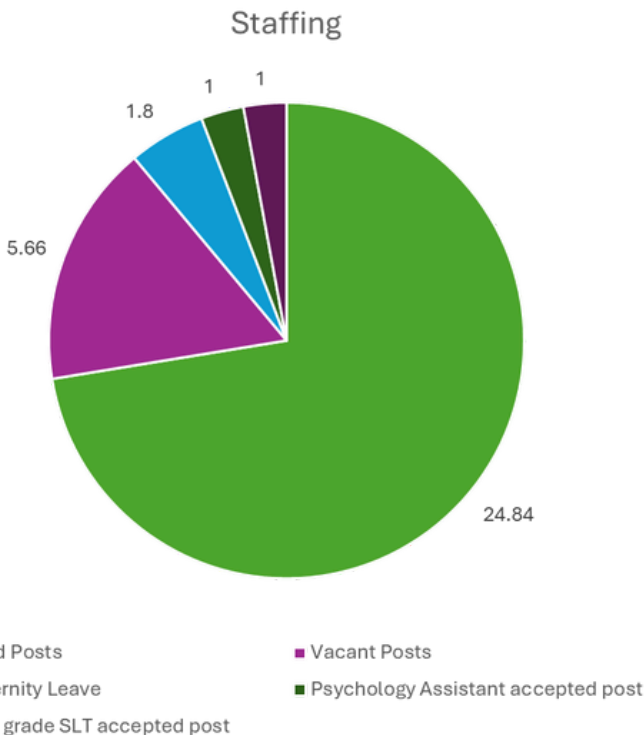


Introduction by Children's Services Manager (CSM) Nicole O'Connell

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter where we update you on news and events which may be useful for you to know and also give you an update on our staffing and caseload numbers. We will continue to email you news and events as we hear about them and also details of our Family Forum meetings. Mid Kildare CDNT has a large caseload of children, and our dedicated experienced staff are working very hard to provide support and services. We provide a mix of support including individual intervention and targeted groups for parents and children.

Staffing Update

Sarah O'Sullivan, has recently moved to a new post as Head of Discipline OT and we expect the new CDNM to start by the end of May 2026.



Caseload Numbers

We currently have 610 children open to service. We have 184 children waitlisted for service.

From January to end April 2026: 41 children were opened on waitlist.

There are further intakes planned for 2026.



Family Forum Meeting

We hosted our last family forum on 16th April. Both open and waitlisted families were invited and 10 parents attended on the day. Kieran Murphy was the independent facilitator. Updates were given on the regional Family Representative Groups. Speech and Language therapists from the team gave a presentation on Communication in play. The CDNМ gave an update on the service including caseload numbers, waiting list, waiting time; staffing and vacancies; forthcoming groups; challenges with non-attendance and the team's activities. The key theme that emerged from the forum was the need for consistent and proactive communication with the parents. The parents suggested several ideas to improve communication, and the team is actively progressing some of these ideas.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on our family forums, whether you attend them or not. Please scan the QR code to access our survey. It will only take 2 minutes to complete. The deadline for feedback is 29th May 2026. Thank you.



Playground

With the good weather at the moment, don't forget our playground is available to book by phoning 045 875676 or emailing admin.kildare@enableireland.ie



Pop in for a look the next time you are passing the building.

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Children's
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Team



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council

Kildare's free Inclusivity Festival returns to The Curragh on Sunday 10 May (11am-6pm)

- Family Fun Zone
- Exhibition Stands & Service Provider Zone
- Inclusive Sports Zone
- Barretstown Magic Moments therapeutic activities
- Artisan Food & Craft Market
- Live Entertainment, including music, magic, puppetry, and more
- Live Music Stage featuring new artists
- Vehicle Demonstration Zone (new for 2026)



Foroige are launching 2 new weekly ASD clubs in Blessington for 10-12 year olds and 12-17 year olds.

Contact: Aidan Gleeson 086 0674485 or Naomi Somers 085 1689444



Invites you to a webinar

NVR - Possibilities & Adaptations

Thursday 7th May, 9.30am - 12.30pm

For more information see eventbrite link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nvr-ireland-webinar-tickets-1987788972326?aff=oddtcreator>



You can find more information at
<https://asiam.ie/world-autism-month>



19th June Naas Library.
Contact the library for more information.



Summit is open for families
You can find more information at
<https://www.neurodiversityireland.com/neurodiversity-ireland-summit-2026>



Frame Running

A running frame consists of a 3 wheeled frame, a chest plate, handlebars and a saddle. Runners are supported by the frame to propel themselves forward by their feet and legs, allowing them to engage safely in physical activity despite their mobility impairments.

Friday's @ 4pm, Tallaght AC , D24 EP9R

Contact: Claire Dempsey 086 2417791



Autism-friendly barbering experience, complete with a purpose-built sensory room. Located 170 Walkinstown Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12, D12FXK8.

A calm, welcoming space where neurodiverse individuals feel safe, respected, and at ease during their visit.

Contact Amanda Masterson 085 7080308



The philosophy of the Every1Counts call to action is that we do some little good right now rather than dreaming about great things to do in the future. If we all make 1 meaningful and positive change to improve the quality of life of people with childhood-onset disabilities the overall change will be great.

You can find more information:
at www.eacd2026.com

