



Progressing Children's Disability Services Dublin North City & County CHO9 Bulletin 1 2017

This Bulletin is an update on the ongoing work in 2016 on Progressing Children's Disability Services (PCDS). The four lead agencies, Central Remedial Clinic (CRC), Health Services Executive (HSE), St. Michael's House (SMH) and Daughters of Charity (DOC) are currently engaged in a process to deliver these services in the future.

During 2016 nine working groups were set up to support the local implementation plan in CHO9. The working groups are representative of all of the agencies in this area.

- 1. Model of Service Group** – the purpose is to develop a standardised model of service and supporting Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines.
- 2. Governance Management Group** – made up of the CEO's of the agencies and the HSE. This group oversees and supports the implementation of the national policy on PCDS. The focus is to ensure that the new model of care and services allows the children the right to access services in their local community.
- 3. HR Group** – the purpose of this group is to develop a strategic HR plan that responds to the new governance structure of Progressing Disabilities. The group is also reviewing and developing interagency policies and procedures to support a matrix management model.
- 4. Governance and Finance Group** – this group works to ensure that the quality, safety and risk of the governance structure is robust and fit for purpose. The group supports other subgroups in identifying risk. A clinical governance subgroup is working to ensure that standardisation and supports required for clinical supervision are embedded within the matrix management model.
- 5. Training Group** – the purpose of the group is to identify required training, to ensure staffs have the required skills needs for Children's Disability Network Teams, to develop in house training programmes and organise ongoing training for staff.
- 6. Specialist Group** – to develop a framework for specialist supports in CHO 9 that meets the recommendations of the national guidance document on Specialist supports and the national model of PCDS. See link [2016 2 16 Revised Guidance on Specialist Supports.pdf](#)

- 7. ICT Group** – the group will commence once a national ICT programme has been identified. This group will identify interim IT solutions for children’s disability network teams within CHO 9 while the programme awaits the national ICT response.
- 8. Accommodation Group** – an extensive mapping of all HSE and voluntary agency accommodation across CHO9 is being collated. This includes all available accommodation for children’s disability network teams and the costs involved in either revamping existing premises, building on extensions or an entirely new build.
- 9. Family Communication Group** – the purpose of this group is to deliver a strategy for good and timely communication with families on PDS and its implementation in CHO9.

All of these groups are working together for a phased implementation of PCDS in CHO9 2017/2018. Please share this information with colleagues, family, and friends.

The HSE website includes information about PCDS.

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/progressingservices/>

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PCDS Family Communication Strategy Group