



Fw: Additional funding for autism
Brian Dowling to: Neil Waldron

23/05/2012 15:40

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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

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**Additional text for Minister's speech to Autism Conference
Galway, 13th January 2012**

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Bairbre Nic Aongusa To: David Smith, Tracey Conroy

13/01/2012 14:16

Cc: Colm Desmond

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David Mehlhorn to: Colm Desmond

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13/01/2012 16:44:11

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To David Mehlhorn/SLAINTE@SLAINTE

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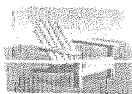
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Date: 19/01/2012 16:21
Subject: Re: Fw: new funding for autism and early intervention

Hi Colm,

Thanks for your mail. As discussed at our meeting earlier in the week, any decisions taken in relation to the allocation of posts to the Early Intervention Teams should take into account the mapping process currently being undertaken as part of the 0-18s reconfiguration programme. The results of this process will indicate where there are vacant posts in the system and can also be used to assist in determining how best to deploy these resources to the Service Areas with the greatest need.

Regards,

Gabrielle

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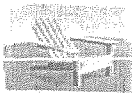
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Tom

Please note the attached request from the HSE for a couple of extra days to complete the work on the report on Beechpark Services requested by the Minister. Having discussed this by phone with Cate Hartigan, HSE, I felt her request was a reasonable one. We will check the position again early next week.

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Date: 19/12/2011 17:24
Subject: Follow up to meeting on Beechpark with Minister Reilly

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Cc: "Wade, Patricia" <patricia.wade@hse.ie>
Date: 07/02/2012 09:09
Subject: RE: Follow up to meeting on Beechpark with Minister Reilly

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I am just waiting for DNE to sign off on the Beechpark report and hopefully I should have that today or tomorrow. I will also be sending with that the national element for the early intervention teams.

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Thanks Cate

Brian

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Brian

I am just waiting for DNE to sign off on the Beechpark report and hopefully I should have that today or tomorrow. I will also be sending with that the national element for the early intervention teams.

Regards

Cate

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Cate

I am aware that you discussed the Ministers' request for a Report on Beechpark Services with Colm Desmond recently and that it was agreed to extend the deadline to take into account issues arising in the context of the allocation, as announced by the Minister in mid January, of €1m additional funding for autism.

[REDACTED]

I would appreciate it if you could let me know when we can expect to receive a copy of the Draft Report on the issues raised in my e-mail of 19 December 2012 below including the individual cases.

regards

Brian

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Tom/Cate

I attended a meeting on Friday 16 December 2011 with Minister Reilly on Beechpark services. Anne Melly represented the HSE, Orla Ni Gabhlain and Anne Hughes Kazibune represented Beechpark.

A general discussion took place with the Minister on the role of Beechpark Services, its budget and staffing.

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(C) A comprehensive paper on Beechpark services outlining its model of service delivery, budget, staffing, clients assisted and waiting lists. The paper should examine how Beechpark could operate a model of service delivery that supports all children and addresses its waiting lists from within its existing resources, including how it could support the additional classes set up by Dept of Education in North Dublin that are currently not being supported. The paper can include details of any efficiencies, innovations and or reconfigurations proposed as appropriate. If some additional funding is required to meet the waiting lists after exhausting all possibilities within existing resources a case should be made for quantifying how much additional funding would be required. This amount should be considerably lower than €200,000.

The paper should also include a time-line on when the waiting lists will be addressed.

The Minister has asked that this information be provided on or before 20 January 2012.

Brian

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Subject: Beechpark

Dear Colm

Please find attached a report on Beechpark following the meeting with Minister Reilly. [REDACTED]

The report provides for two options in regard to the funding being provided via Minister Reilly's announcement. Page 13-the HSE would strongly advocate Option 1.

This option gives 5 posts (€300,000) to Beechpark, DNE this year and proposes 5 posts for Beechpark, DML next year.

Please also find attached a proposal for the remainder of the funding (10 wtes, €700,000) for early intervention services. We know that the Minister's focus is on ASD, however in line with the national disability strategy and our HSE policies/reports we are aiming to establish teams that don't differentiate between conditions and therefore I believe that it is reasonable for us to use this portion of the funding to build the resource available to those teams generally.

Regards

Cate



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Health Service Executive

Report for Minister Reilly on Beechpark Autism Services & related Service Issues for children with ASD in Dublin North

January 2012

roduction:

This report has been prepared to address information requested by Minister Reilly at a meeting on December 16th 2011 with the following HSE staff:-

Ms Anne Hughes-Kazibwe	Occupational Therapy Manager Beechpark Services
Ms Orla Nighabhlain	Social Worker Beechpark Services
Ms Anne Melly	Disability Specialist DNE

The request for information addressed three main areas:-

1. [REDACTED]
2. Service Access and Transitioning issues for Children with ASD in Dublin North.
3. A comprehensive paper regarding Beechpark Services including the following detail:-
 - The model of service.
 - Detailed Budget information.
 - Data on children receiving services and those currently on waiting lists.
 - Proposed plan to provide for the needs of children on the waiting list including how support will be provided by the additional classes established by the Department of Education and Skills. (Within existing resources.)

[REDACTED]

The issues raised in regard to access and transitioning between services for children in Dublin North have been addressed in Part 2 of the report.

PART 1

Beechpark Services for Children with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder:

Beechpark is a regional HSE service working within Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow since 1998. Core service provision consists of multidisciplinary team supports to children with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder without a significant developmental delay i.e., functioning within the mild range of cognitive functioning or above who are enrolled in DES designated preschools or outreach classes, living in Dublin, Kildare or Wicklow. It also supports a number of children enrolled in six ABA Special Schools and two Special Schools in Stillorgan and Loughlinstown.

There are five clinical teams working throughout Beechpark Service

- Westside Team – Kildare/Lucan
- Southside Team – South Dublin/Wicklow
- Northside Team – North Dublin
- Campus Team – Two Special Schools Stillorgan/Loughlinstown
- Early Services Team – South Dublin/Wicklow/Kildare

Beechpark is a community based service. All members of the multi-disciplinary team endeavour to work with the children, their families and educational staff through the provision of a range of on-going clinical services.

For the parents, all teams offer training programmes as Early Bird / Early Bird Plus parent training, Marte Meo, Hanen training. Information sessions regarding areas of concern which may include strategies in such areas as managing behaviours, diet, sleep, development of language and communication, socialisation, adaptive skills, sensory processing, transitioning across school home and community, are provided on an ongoing basis.

Referrals come from Parents, EITs, CAMHS, Paediatric Hospitals, Liaison Officers/ Case Managers, NEPS, Intellectual Disability Services and from private practitioners. The referral rates to Beechpark have annually grown consistently from 70 in 1998, to 190 in 2005 to 290 in 2011.

The model of service delivery within Beechpark Service is based on the needs of the children and the provision of multidisciplinary team supports is provided across the environment of school, home and community. High levels of staff expertise ameliorate parental concerns and in many instances prevent/ minimise secondary disabilities occurring

therapeutic services required by children with ASD, typically from three years (small number under three years) of age up to eighteen years of age are based on identified need and typically can include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, child psychiatry, behaviour specialist, nutrition, clinical nurse specialist and social work.

Through assessment and consultation with families at care plan meetings and consultation with education staff goals are identified for each child, the intervention required to meet these goals will vary depending on the needs of the individual child. The forms intervention can take include direct individual and or group intervention/ periodic consultation/ monitoring of programmes. Provision of recommendations and therapeutic programmes for inclusion in a child's daily life form a key component in the service delivery of Beechpark Service, training and support are core key areas of service provision in order to maximise benefits of recommendations and programmes for the children.

Approximately 25% of families will require additional support of home support and 25% will require respite. The provision of home help, home support and respite improves the quality of life for the children and their families. Respite provides planned multidisciplinary interventions and supports that are timely relevant and appropriate to individual needs. It provides a broad range of benefits for the individual child that includes social skills training, community integration, independent life skills training, and the transfer of these skills across home and school. For the family it can give a much needed break from caring, facilitate time for other children improving their quality of life and allow time for other outlets.

Respite is provided from two sites: Liffey Vale House, Lucan (31 families) and Farmleigh Park in Stillorgan (31 families). The moratorium on recruitment on nursing and child care staff greatly impact on the provision of respite which is only given to the majority of high priority need families across the service. Additional respite is provided within DNE by St. Paul's, Beaumont (8 families). and purchased in Wicklow from St. Catherine's Association primarily for families from Wicklow (10 families).

The current budget of €6.249 million enabled Beechpark Services to provide clinical supports in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow with approximately 60 staff to over 600 children and their families in two designated Special Schools, six ABA Special Schools and 57 Outreach classes at Primary and Post Primary level. Beechpark also provides clinical supports for around 50 children under six years who are enrolled in 11 Department of Education and Skills (DES) preschool classes and a range of other preschool options. The service also provides transitions for children moving on to mainstream, Assessments of Need (AON) and consults to other service providers.

From a best practice perspective referrals of children vary from robust and comprehensive to very basic and to extremely poor. A number of referrals received in Beechpark provided the same recommendations for all children regardless of where they may be at on the ASD spectrum and /or at from a global

elopment perspective. Additionally, Beechpark had not planned or envisaged that it would be the primary provider for children with mild ASD. While accepting that earlier referral will create a greater waiting list, it is not appropriate that Beechpark provide for all broad spectrum cases and neither is it appropriate that children with a mild presentation be attached to a specialist service. Beechpark is working with referrers to address this and have seen improvements in the last year.

It is important to understand also that where children are discharged to Beechpark Services as part of the referral, even where it is evident that the child would function within a mainstream setting with minimal interventions has contributed to children being inappropriately waitlisted for services. In some instances depending on diagnosis, ADHD may be more prominent than ASD. It is worth noting that approximately 40-50% of the parents of children waitlisted do not enrol their children in designated classes and in many instances this is an appropriate decision.

Beechpark is charged to deliver existing levels of service for existing levels of funding. The number of children accessing the service and enrolled in DES designated classes continues to grow and has not been matched by a comparable increase in clinical staff to provide specialist health related supports.

The enrolment of children in educational facilities is strictly a matter for a School and their Board of Management. Beechpark services is not demand led and have to operate within defined allocations and therefore there is a capacity issue in relation to the number of children they can work with. Beechpark have waitlisted a large volume of new classes across Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow for multidisciplinary supports.

Children waitlisted within existing designated Autism classes will come off the waiting list as other children move on from that School. In relation to new Schools who have opened designated units up to December 2010 at Primary level Beechpark Services has commenced assessment and are engaging with 28 children in DNE and 48 in DML. As no additional resources were available this required the dilution and reorganisation of the existing model to meet the increased demand on service.

The framework of the HSE Autism report 2011, which is due to be released, is based on the provision of a local service within a Primary Care context. Best practice dictates an integrated approach from Primary Care/Early Intervention team / School Based Team to Autism Specialist service, as appropriate, to meet identified need. This report reflects the National Reference Group's report on the provision of Multidisciplinary Disability Services 5-18 (HSE December 2009) which has been approved by the HSE and for which an implementation plan is now in process.

In relation to the provision of services going forward, in the HSE National Service Plan 2011, the reconfiguring of children's disability services is sited as a priority. Work has commenced on mapping current therapy service provision with the view to re aligning services to geographic based teams. This

asure will have a positive impact on the provision of clinical services for all children requiring access to health related supports. Beechpark has engaged with DNE regarding the transfer of the current Beechpark Team based in Santry and its funding.

Issues for consideration to address the needs of children on the waitlist:

In addition to the increase in resources to meet the needs the following should be considered. It is widely accepted that a multidisciplinary approach is the best model to meet a child's needs and it is vital that through expansion of services this is not lost as this will have a significant impact on service delivery and quality.

- A number of posts remain vacant due to the pause in recruitment in 2011 1.6 OT, 1.5 Psychology, 1 Speech & Language Therapist, this has resulted in no service delivery to some children within Beechpark Service and the creation of extensive internal waitlists with the service.
- Boards of Management of individual schools have responsibility for enrolment in their education facilities. This can result in children with very different educational and clinical needs being placed in the same class. Closer co-operation between HSE and Education in relation to appropriate education access for children is critical.
- At the time of diagnosis a specialist education & clinical team may be recommended just by the very nature of a child having ASD with no consideration given that the child may present with many skills and be best placed within mainstream school and accessing services at a local level. A proportion of children referred to Beechpark Service never access specialised education/outreach class.
- Therapy space is not available or very limited within the existing locations of the MDT teams and the space available within schools can be limited or non-existent. The lack of dedicated therapy space within the HSE and schools significantly impacts on the model, quantity, type and quality of service that can be provided. Resulting in more time spent travelling and negotiating access to appropriate space.
- Some schools have purpose built facilities however access is restricted to the school day and school year, and can only be used for children attending that school. This has a particular impact for the delivery of group interventions as to ensure a group's success the right mix of children is required and this may mean working with a number of children across a number of schools. Access to purpose built appropriate facilitates within schools outside of the school day and year would increase capacity.

Access to in home support and respite forms a vital component particularly in the management of crisis and for children with complex needs. A multidisciplinary team based approach and home support/respite can and has prevented risk situations for families and significantly impacted on a family's quality of life.

- Close co-operation and understanding of the role of the MDT is vital for education staff, there can often be a belief that unless a therapist sees a child they are receiving no service.
- The role of the therapy assistant/SNA needs to be explored further in relation to service provision.

Case loads, staffing and waiting lists Dec 2011:

Team	In Service	Waiting list	Staff	Posts unfilled due recruitment embargo
Northside	223	138	15.9	0
Westside	182	45	11.6	1.2 Occ Therapy 0.6 Admin
Southside	175	127	12	1 Speech & Language Therapist .5 Psychology
Campus	68	0	6	1 Psychology
Early Service	51	69	6.2	0.4 Occ Therapy
Respite			15.5	3 nursing posts
Total	699	379	67.20	

Schools	Northside	Westside	Southside	Campus
Existing classes	32	24	22	
Special Schools	1	2	2	2
Waitlisted classes	13	8	5	2

Total number of waitlisted classes is 28 based on information available on the 12th of January 2012. As the DES can sanction classes throughout the year it is envisaged that this number may rise before September 2013.

Breakdown of HSE Eastern Regional Autism (Beechpark) Budget.

Clinical teams

Northside team	€610,436.57
* Additional Budget for 6.5 Clinicians held in DNC	€336,342.36
Southside and Early Services teams	€1,833,728.83
Westside team	€852,623.55
Campus team (Ballyowen Meadows and Setanta Special Schools)	€712,698.51
Sub-Total	€4,009,487.46

Home Support

Northside	€323,674.26
Southside/Westside	€631,995.60
Sub-Total	€955,669.86

Residential Respite

Liffey Vale	€694,371.96
Farmleigh	€589,481.30
Sub-Total	€1,283,853.26

Beechpark Budget Total	6,249,010.58
Budget held in DNC (6.5 Posts)	336,342.36

OVERALL TOTAL €6,585, 352.94

PART 2

Planning to address the Needs of Children with Autism in Dublin North & Dublin North City:

Background:

National Policy Document - Progressing Disability Services for Children & Young People 0-18years (2009)

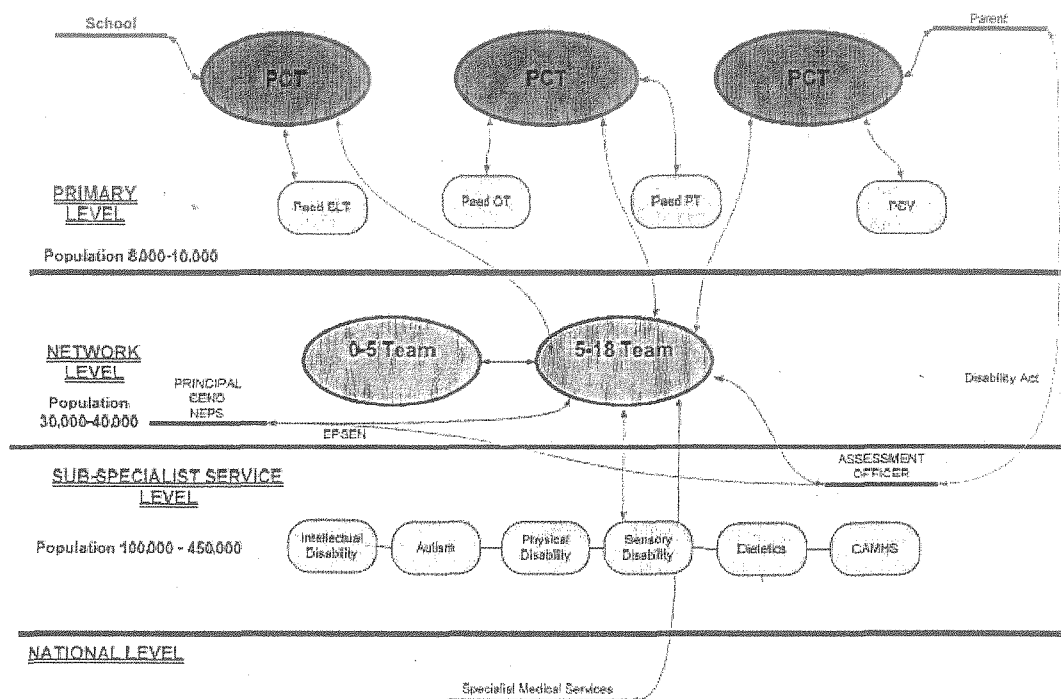
The Report of the National Reference Group on Multidisciplinary Services for Children aged 5-18, recommended an integrated care model that would allow children, whatever the nature of their disability, to be seen as locally to their home and school as possible; at primary care level when their needs can be met there and by a network specialist interdisciplinary team if their needs are more complex. The primary and network teams would be supported as appropriate by sub-specialist teams with a high level of expertise in particular fields.

Future Vision for Service Delivery

- Every child and their family will have access to required services
- There will be equity and consistency across the country
- Effective teams will be working in partnership with parents
- Resources will be used to the optimum
- Health and education will work jointly to achieve best outcomes for children

Since 2011 the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report of the National Reference Group on Multidisciplinary Disability Services for Children 5-18years have been progressed in all HSE Regions. There is a National structure to underpin this change management programme with National, Regional and Local Implementation Groups in place. The new model of service delivery points to the alignment of children's disability services with the developing Primary Care Team and Network Structure as follows: -

Model of Proposed Structure



The new model as set out above recognizes that many children with a diagnosis of ASD will attend mainstream school and should have their health care needs met by the local primary care or network team or, where there is a mental health component, their local CAMHS team. Additionally, the needs of a cohort of children with a diagnosis of a significant developmental delay and ASD are increasingly being met appropriately by their local intellectual disability service provider. The model also recognizes that some children with ASD can present with a range of complex problems that require intervention and support that is beyond the skills and expertise of an early intervention or network team and they need to be referred to a specialist

ASD multidisciplinary team in their local area. These ASD specific teams are required to work in conjunction with primary care and network teams within identified catchment areas. The teams should comprise a skill mix of psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychiatry, social work, clinical nurse specialist and administrative support

The Reference Group recommends that sub-specialist services are provided at a population level of 150,000-450,000 as local needs dictate, in each of autism, intellectual disability, physical disability and sensory disability. These services would have the expertise to provide consultation for primary care and network team clinicians and direct intervention, generally on an intermittent basis, for children with exceptionally complex needs.

National Review of Autism Services – Past, Present and Way Forward, which is due to be published shortly, reinforces the model of service delivery and service structure as outlined above.

Current Disability Services for Children with Disabilities in Dublin North & Dublin North City

Services to Children with Disabilities in Dublin North and Dublin North City are provided by a variety of service providers – statutory and non statutory, as follows: -

- St Michael's House
- Daughters of Charity
- Central Remedial Clinic.
- St Paul's Hospital & Special School.
- St Joseph's School for the Blind.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- HSE- Early Intervention Services.
- HSE –Beechpark Services for Children with Autism

Of these service providers, Beechpark Services and St Paul's Hospital and Special School are Autism specific services but the remaining service providers are also involved in meeting the needs of children with autism when the presenting need is less complex or where the primary disability is Intellectual Disability or Physical & Sensory Disability. Beechpark services are primarily targeted to provide appropriate multidisciplinary supports to children in Dublin North and Dublin North City who attend special ASD specific classes that have been developed in special and mainstream schools.

Whilst many models of good practice have been developed and implemented to meet the needs of children with disabilities in Dublin North and Dublin North City, access to services and a timely response to meeting identified needs, has been largely determined by whether a child resides in an area where there is a service provider with a level of resource which enables a speedy and appropriate response to need. Access to ASD services for children with normal IQ or Mild Intellectual Disability has been determined by whether the child attends a class supported by Beechpark Services.

With the multiplicity of service providers involved and the diversity of children's needs – ranging from Mild ID to much more complex needs involving multiple disabilities, issues have been identified regarding the need to have very clear identified care pathways for all children requiring health and personal social

ices. Evidence would suggest that there is greater clarity of access where needs are clear and diagnosis is straightforward. However, the pathway for children presenting with complex needs has not been as clear and gaps have been identified. In this context, some children diagnosed with ASD have had difficulty accessing a service and transitioning from one service to another.

Aside from the limitations created by current budget levels and the impact of the moratorium, Health & Personal Social Services to Children with Disabilities who are of school going age, encounter ongoing and growing pressures in relation to the ability to provide school based supports for a growing number of special classes and schools --- unlike the ability of the Department of Education to develop services in line with identified need, the HSE resource has diminished both financially and in the context of WTE's leaving the service and not being replaced.

Current Framework to address Issues in Dublin North and Dublin North City

All stakeholders involved in the provision of services to children with disabilities in Dublin North and Dublin North City are now involved in an Area Implementation Group to progress the recommendation of the Report of the National Reference Group on Disability Multidisciplinary Services in both of these service areas. To date the most notable progress within this group has been the completion of a mapping exercise to identify the totality of the resource currently allocated to meeting the needs of children with disabilities. The group has also identified the need to address the issue of a clear pathway of service for each child and in this context a Central Referral Forum has been established. This Forum will have a particular focus on children with complex needs and ensure that within the context of a child's needs, the relevant service provider/s will agree a coordinated response to meeting needs.

The work of the Area Implementation Group will continue and it is anticipated that by June of 2012, a clear structure regarding future service delivery will have emerged.

In this context, part of the work of the Implementation Group will focus on the current service model and service delivery structure provided by all service providers including Beechpark Services and St Paul's Hospital and Special School with a view to addressing the realignment of this resource in the context of the Report of the National Reference Group and the pending National Review of Autism Services Report. In the meantime, the recent announcement of the additional funding of €1 m in 2012 to meet the needs of children with ASD is most welcome. Of this €1 m , €300,000 has been assigned to address waiting list pressures in those Service Areas who are served by Beechpark Services. The following options are presented in relation to the deployment of this resource. In setting out these options , it is important to understand that as the new model for children's disability service is developed and implemented in all regions, the structure of Beechpark Services as it currently exists will change in both HSE Regions - Dublin North East(DNE) and Dublin Mid Leinster(DML).

However, the resource currently attaching to the service will be utilised within the realigned service structure to meet the needs of children with ASD.

Options for allocation of €300,000 assigned to address waiting lists for children currently on waiting lists for Beechpark Services.

The following options are directly linked to the current data relating to children on waiting lists for Beechpark Services in DNE & DML as of December 2011 and as outlined on Page 7. Summary as follows:-

Of the 379 children awaiting services from Beechpark the following geographic profile refers:-

138 Children reside in DNE - Dublin North and Dublin North City (36%)

241 Children reside in DML – Westside and Southside Teams (64%)

Option 1

The overall allocation of €300,000 equates to approx **5 WTE**. The deployment of the total resource to address either the waiting lists in DNE or DML would enable a more effective and speedier approach to addressing waiting list needs in either region. This option could only operate equitably on the basis that if one region got the entire allocation in 2012, the remaining region should get a similar allocation in 2013. In terms of the highlighted pressures in DNE, the proposal is to allocate the funding as follows:

2012 – DNE – 300,000 –5 WTE's

2013 – DML- 300,000 – 5WTE's

Option 2

The allocation of €300,000 to be divided in line with waiting list data as detailed above i.e. The 138 children from DNE on waiting lists constitute 36% of the overall waiting lists for Beechpark Services and the remaining 241 children are from DML. The resource is divided on this basis.

DNE – €108,000

DML - €192,000

In the context of the focus on pressures in DNE and the representation by parents and schools to the Department of Health, an allocation of €108,000 would provide for just short of 2 WTE basic grade clinicians to enhance the Northside Team providing these services. Whilst the additional resource would have a positive impact on tackling the waiting list – the speed of progress would be much greater if a full Multidisciplinary Team was approved.

Recommendations in Respect of the Allocation of €0.7m to Support Early Intervention Services and Services for Children with ASD.

Introduction

The Programme for Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People clearly advocates an integrated care model that would allow children, whatever the nature of their disability, to be seen as locally to their home and school as possible; at primary care level when their needs can be met there and by a network specialist interdisciplinary team if their needs are more complex. The Programme's vision is as follows:

- Every child and their family will have access to required services
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The HSE Review of Autism Services¹ reflects this approach and the HSE is working to build integrated Early Intervention and School-Age Teams which will be supported by sub-specialist teams covering areas of more complex need such as some cases of ASD but also including specialist seating clinics, gait analysis etc.

Given the current variation in resources available to build the integrated teams and the sub-specialist teams, it is important to allow the HSE Regions the flexibility to direct the current resource in a manner best suited to strengthening services in their particular situation while adhering to the principles and procedures contained in the HSE policy documents mentioned above. To that end, the following criteria have been developed to guide the final allocation.

Proposed Criteria

1. Any developments should be in line with the implementation plan developed in respect of the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People Programme.
2. Priority should be given to allocating posts in those areas which have shown evidence of commitment to the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People Programme. This evidence should include the existence of a Local Lead person for the Programme, the existence of a Local Implementation Group and evidence of engagement in the mapping process.
3. Priority should be given to strengthening Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy. These disciplines consistently rank as first and second priorities respectively in terms of the frequency with which services are assessed as being required under the assessment of need process under the Disability Act 2005.
4. Cognisance should be taken of the need to build the resources available to any ASD sub-specialist team to be developed in the future to support the Programme mentioned in 1, above.
5. The allocation of posts should be based on the data collected under the current mapping exercise, complemented by local knowledge.

Resource Distribution

Based on the mid-point of the basic grade OT and SLT scales (€44,000) and a pay to non-pay ratio of 70:30, €0.7m would fund approximately 11 posts. In order to allow some flexibility, in case it is deemed necessary to appoint at senior level in some instances, it is proposed that **10 posts** are put in place.

¹ This Report has been approved by HSE Management Team and for noting by the HSE Board on the 18th February with publication thereafter.

In respect of the €0.7m currently available: it is proposed that this is distributed equally between the four HSE Regions and that the allocation of that resource at Regional level is governed by the above agreed set of criteria.

Conclusion

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Cate Hartigan

AND Disability Services
HSE

7th February 2012

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Beechpark
Hartigan, Cate to Colm_Desmond
Cc: Brian_Dowling, "Anne Melly", "Wade, Patricia", "Michael
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Regards

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Subject: Re: Beechpark

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I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these reports briefly at our meeting later today.

Regards

Colm

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Gabrielle

For info, we will have to agree on our response to this report prior to submission to the Minister. I would like to submit the report to him by the end of the week if possible.

thanks

Colm

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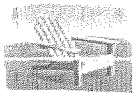
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Date: 09/02/2012 09:35
Subject: Re: Fw: HSE Reports for n/week's board

Hi Colm,

Thanks for that. I would welcome clarification on the points I raised yesterday re the autism review and briefing note. Can we discuss briefly when you/Brian/I meet at 12.30 re the Beechpark report?

Thanks v much,

Gabrielle

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Date: 08/02/2012 19:51
Subject: Fw: HSE Reports for n/week's board

All

I also spoke with Cate Hartigan about these reports and she suggests that all that is required is that the Department note that these reports have been seen and that it has no major concerns - apart from Autism, we have seen the other two, and Brian clarified a number of points regarding Autism this afternoon with Cate. We should state that the reports are in line with national policy and I understand that the Sec Gen only wishes to have the reports noted by the Board. The briefing forwarded by Cate should cover the needs of the Board. However, I think it no harm that points we have done up be given up the line anyway, if that is what you have done, and of course if there happen to be contentious points we will need to flag these. We can discuss again tomorrow. I gather Cate would like to get the necessary clearance by lunch hour on Friday. In regard to New Directions, I'll discuss with Ann separately.

thanks

Colm

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Date: 08/02/2012 16:28
Subject: HSE Reports for n/week's board

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Date: 10/02/2012 16:06
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Cate

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Thanks

Colm

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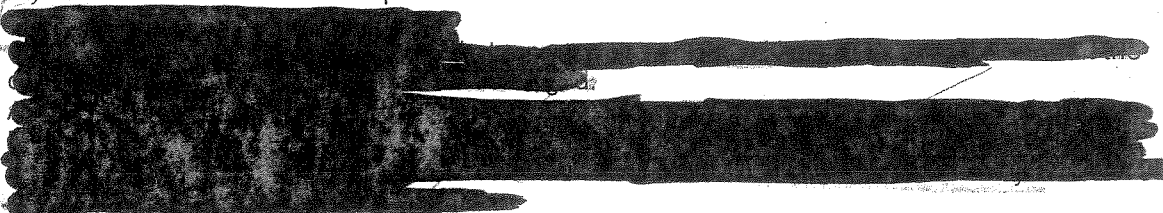
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Subject: Re: Obs on Beechpark Services

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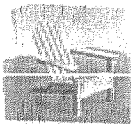
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Hi both,

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Hi Colm,

Cate is on annual leave today but I have sent out your queries to the relevant people and we will be in a position to respond early next week.

Thanks

Michael

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Re: Beechpark –additional information

Dear Colm,

Individual cases

[REDACTED]

Additional and vacant posts

Since the update was provided the 1.6 OT positions have been filled. These appointments were as a result of other posts/hours being suppressed to enable the vacancies to be filled and facilitated the return from career break for two staff members.

Replacement of staff within the disability services has to be considered in the context of the overall HSE employment ceiling. The remaining vacancies come under the moratorium and cannot be filled unless other posts are suppressed elsewhere. This in reality means that other service provision is negatively impacted and therefore other children and adults will be negatively affected.

Furthermore, there is a critical need for the HSE to ensure effective cover for the impact of the 'grace period' retirements. The priority is on maintaining essential critical frontline services such as Maternity, Emergency Departments, Critical Care, and Neonatal Care.

The HSE continues to explore how best to fill the vacancies and to provide the additional WTE's required to fully utilize the €1m made available as additional funding for Beechpark and early intervention services nationally. This includes exploring how we might manage within the overall WTE ceiling for the HSE; the provision of services by a section 39 provider although this is limited by the knowledge and expertise of appropriate providers for this cohort; and the use of private practitioners (although there is limited availability of same).

It is anticipated that an Implementation Plan for the reconfiguration of children's services will be completed by the end of 2012 under the 'Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People's programme.

Waiting lists

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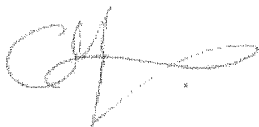
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Yours sincerely



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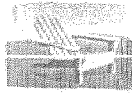
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Brian cc Gabrielle

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As submitted to Bernard as 'draft for discussion'. He said he'd read it on Monday. In the meantime, I also dropped into Tom O'Leary and told him it was being finalised. He is fine as long as something goes up next week.

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Note for Ministers Information on Beechpark Autism Services

The HSE has submitted a report on Beechpark Autism Services and related service issues for children with ASD in Dublin North in response to a request made by Minister Reilly at a meeting on 16 December with Beechpark representatives. [REDACTED]

Part 1 of the report gives a general overview of the services Beechpark provides for children with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and outlines a number of issues that are impacting adversely on the average waiting times for children with ASD seeking services from Beechpark. These issues include (a) the pause on recruitment in 2011 which resulted in the non-filling of 4.1 therapy/psychology posts, (of which 1.6 occupational therapy posts have been filled in early 2012) (b) the need for developing closer cooperation between HSE and Education on appropriate education access for children (c) the lack of dedicated therapy space in HSE facilities and schools and (d) capacity issues due to lack of access to purpose built facilities in schools outside of the school day and school terms.

Part 2 of the report deals with the issues arising in planning for the needs of children with ASD in Dublin North and Dublin North City in 2012. Two options are proposed to address Beechpark's waiting lists, as follows:

Option 1: €300,000 out of the €1m in additional funding the Minister has allocated to address waiting lists for autism services and early intervention teams in 2012 is proposed to be used to recruit 5 WTE therapists in Dublin North East (DNE), with a further €300,000 to be allocated in 2013 to address waiting lists in Dublin Mid Leinster (DML).

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The HSE is currently examining how it can fill the above posts within the employment ceiling and it is considering a number of options to progress this issue, see below:

Overview

The HSE favour Option 1 as the best short-term means to address Beechpark's waiting lists.

The Ministers attention is drawn to the following issues:

- Option 1 would require the filling of 5 WTE posts which would result in posts having to be suppressed elsewhere, to stay within the ceilings imposed by the HSE

Employment Control Framework. Unless these posts can be filled, the additional funding cannot be used for this purpose. This issue has to be resolved in the context of the HSE employment ceiling and could impact on service provision elsewhere. In addition, the currently vacant 2.5 therapy/psychology posts (out of the 4.1 total above) need to be filled to prevent waiting lists extending further.

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Beechpark's role in the context of the HSE Autism Review

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The HSE has advised that the existing model of service provision for children with ASD, including those in Beechpark, will be reviewed in the context of a more equitable response to service needs and reconfiguration of disability services for children 0-18 years and the HSE considers that this approach will assist in relieving waiting lists long term.

Next Steps

- (1) We need to confirm with the HSE how it proposes to free up sufficient posts to utilise the €1m provided by the Minister to address waiting lists including the 5 WTE and the 2.5 vacant posts for Beechpark.
- (2) A mechanism is required to ring fence the additional €1m allocation in 2012 within the HSE Vote, and the necessary posts, to ensure it is targeted for specialist autism services and early intervention teams. As we are now nearing the end of Q1, this requires speedy consideration by the HSE.
- (3) The HSE has flagged that this initiative may involve suppressing posts elsewhere which would impact on service provision. As the HSE is currently exploring a

number of options on this, it is recommended that the matter of filling and hiring therapy posts from this allocation be kept under review with HSE on a quarterly basis.

- (4) HSE needs to be asked to either free up the necessary posts or acquire the services from a Section 39 provider. This is a matter for the HSE to decide having regard to overall service plan priorities.

Disability Unit
9 March 2012



{In Archive} Re: Beechpark
Maureen Windle to: Colm Desmond

22/03/2012 13:52

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C in leinster call you ltr. M
Colm Desmond

----- Original Message -----

From: Colm Desmond

Sent: 22/03/2012 11:58 GMT

To: Maureen Windle

Subject: Beechpark

Maureen

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Thanks

Colm Desmond
Disability Services



{In Archive} Re: Beechpark
Maureen Windle to: Colm Desmond

26/03/2012 20:54

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Colm Desmond

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From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 26/03/2012 19:39 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Maureen

[REDACTED] I will be in D/PER at a meeting until about noon, would appreciate a call after that if ok,
thanks
Colm

Maureen Windle Colm I will give you a call tomor mid morn . M -... 26/03/2012 19:38:02

From: Maureen Windle/SLAINTE
To: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 26/03/2012 19:38
Subject: Re: Beechpark

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Colm Desmond

----- Original Message -----

From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 26/03/2012 19:32 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Maureen

Just a reminder that I would need to discuss Beechpark Services with you. HSE would need to know what Option the Minister favours in order to proceed with addressing the employment ceiling issue which will arise if particular posts are to be filled. Maybe we could catch up in the next couple of days to advance this.

Rgds

Colm

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Colm Desmond

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Maureen Windle to: Colm Desmond

29/03/2012 13:57

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colm 3 pm mon ok? M
Colm Desmond

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From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 29/03/2012 12:57 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Cc: Gabrielle Jacob
Subject: Beechpark HSE Services

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Colm

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Maureen Windle to: Colm Desmond

29/03/2012 14:00

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Colm Desmond

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 Gabrielle Jacob to: Colm Desmond

29/03/2012 16:57

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Hi Colm,

I can manage it, if it's OK for you?

G

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 E-mail: gabrielle_jacob@health.gov.ie

Colm Desmond Gabrielle Would this be possible for you?

29/03/2012 16:55:50

From: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE
 To: Gabrielle Jacob/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
 Date: 29/03/2012 16:55
 Subject: Fw: Beechpark HSE Services

Gabrielle
 Would this be possible for you?
 Colm

----- Forwarded by Colm Desmond/SLAINTE on 29/03/2012 16:55 -----

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 To: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
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{In Archive} Re: Beechpark
Maureen Windle to: Colm Desmond

18/04/2012 16:37

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Grand Colm
Colm Desmond

----- Original Message -----

From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 18/04/2012 16:33 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Maureen
I will call around to your office at 9am,
thanks
Colm

Maureen Windle Colm can't do pm to mor am in LH with Min most...

18/04/2012 16:27:58

From: Maureen Windle/SLAINTE
To: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 18/04/2012 16:27
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Colm can't do pm to mor am in LH with Min most of the day, how about in the morning at 9 I will only be in doh til 9 45 and not at all on fri.M

Colm Desmond

----- Original Message -----

From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 18/04/2012 15:17 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Beechpark

Maureen
I have some more info following the issues we discussed recently. Today is a problem for me but could we discuss tomorrow afternoon if it suited you ?
Colm

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Re: Fw: st pauls centre dublin north east
Gabrielle Jacob to: Colm Desmond

18/04/2012 16:54

History: This message has been replied to.

I'm reading it similarly. And, yes, St Paul's may be in line for one of the early intervention posts depending on its level of resourcing relative to other early intervention services in DNE.

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Colm Desmond Gabrielle yes, that's the sense I get so presumab...

18/04/2012 16:48:26

From: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE
To: Gabrielle Jacob/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Cc: Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 18/04/2012 16:48
Subject: Re: Fw: st pauls centre dublin north east

Gabrielle
yes, that's the sense I get so presumably they might figure in due course for one of the 10 non-autism specific posts that are proposed from the €1m. Of course, there might be other services also in the frame for such posts in DNE so I suppose it would depend on how the reconfiguration exercise pans out? I'm reading it that St Pauls would be best left out of the Beechpark framework.
Colm

Gabrielle Jacob Hi Colm, My reading of the mails is that the St Pa...

18/04/2012 16:44:01

From: Gabrielle Jacob/SLAINTE
To: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Cc: Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 18/04/2012 16:44
Subject: Re: Fw: st pauls centre dublin north east

Hi Colm,

My reading of the mails is that the St Paul's resources would in due course be reconfigured as part of the sub-specialist services level of the 0-18s reconfiguration programme but maybe I'm missing something?

G

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Colm Desmond

Gabrielle Brian

18/04/2012 16:39:16

From: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE
To: Gabrielle Jacob/SLAINTE@SLAINTE, Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 18/04/2012 16:39
Subject: Fw: st pauls centre dublin north east

Gabrielle

Brian

I will be meeting Maureen Windle at 9am tomorrow so any obs you have on this, in light of our discussions with Maureen, would be appreciated by close of business. I don't propose, as Cate recommends, to suggest we include St. Paul's in the 'matrix of delivery' around Beechpark.

thanks

Colm

----- Forwarded by Colm Desmond/SLAINTE on 18/04/2012 16:37 -----

From: "Hartigan, Cate" <cate.hartigan1@hse.ie>
To: <Colm_Desmond@health.gov.ie>
Date: 16/04/2012 17:12
Subject: FW: FW: st pauls centre dublin north east

Hi Colm

Please see attached and below re St Pauls; I support Anne Mellys view that we should not be including St Pauls in the €1m. am happy to discuss further if required.

Regards

Cate

From: Anne.Melly@hse.ie [mailto:Anne.Melly@hse.ie]
Sent: 16 April 2012 16:37
To: Hartigan, Cate
Cc: Wade, Patricia; Lanigan, Martina; AM.CM@hse.ie
Subject: Re: FW: st pauls centre dublin north east

Cate,

St Pauls is one of the services that is involved in the reconfiguration of Children's Services in the two Dublin Service Areas.

It's early days yet in this work in those areas but I think we would envisage St Paul's service as being the part of the model that deals with the specialist autism piece either for the two Dublin Areas or for the Region.

There is a view that St Paul's is very specialist at the moment and Managers have expressed some concern regarding the extent of their case load v service user activity (VFM). The main pressure on Autism Services in Dublin North and Dublin North City is really within what Beechpark currently provides and also the greater population with Autism that do not meet either the Beechpark or St Paul's criteria for access.

For these reasons I would be very reluctant at this time to divert any of the funding to St Paul's.

Will be glad to discuss further.

Regards

*cd
all in
name
or overhdt*

Anne

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Dublin Rd
Kells
Co Meath
0469280596
0868232868

"Hartigan, Cate" <cate.hartigan1@hse.ie>

05/04/2012 15:54

To <Anne.Melly@hse.ie>

CC "Wade, Patricia" <patricia.wade@hse.ie>

Subject FW: st pauls centre dublin north east

Hi Anne

Maureen Windle has had further discussion with Colm Desmond re new money and our proposals re Beeckpark and 0-18s. Maureen was asking if some money/posts could be directed to St Pauls. I have a briefing on St Pauls attached; I am assuming that their model of provision does not fit with the 0-18s/host family/congregated settings/personalised supports agenda or am I misunderstanding their delivery model?

Regards

Cate

From: McGuirk, Tom [mailto:tom.mcguirk@hse.ie]
Sent: 05 April 2012 15:34
To: Hartigan, Cate
Subject: RE: st pauls centre dublin north east

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the present input*

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up the path in use
or will hang out
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where pauls will come
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Hi Cate,

Please see attached - is this the Centre you are referring to?

Regards,

Tom

From: Hartigan, Cate [mailto:cate.hartigan1@hse.ie]
Sent: 05 April 2012 15:15
To: McGuirk, Tom
Cc: Wade, Patricia
Subject: st pauls centre dublinnorth east

Tom

Can you find me any info on the above please?

Cate

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Colm Desmond

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Sent: 26/04/2012 18:53 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Beechpark

Maureen

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Colm

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Colm can't do Fri pm. What about Mon 9 30\10 is
Colm Desmond

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From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 26/04/2012 19:08 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Subject: Re: Beechpark

Tomorrow afternoon then if you are ok for then? I will give you a call.. On Monday from 10 to 12, I am not free.

Colm

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E-mail: Colm_Desmond@health.irlgov.ie,

Maureen Windle Colm I'm free to nor from 9.30 until 11 Or Mon at..

26/04/2012 19:03:56

From: Maureen Windle/SLAINTE
To: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 26/04/2012 19:03
Subject: Re: Beechpark

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Maureen

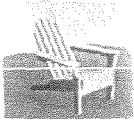
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{In Archive} Re: Fw: HSE supports for ASD unit at Bracken
Brian Dowling to: James Reilly
Cc: Colm Desmond

30/04/2012 17:01

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Joe

The HSE made a submission to the Department/Minister in relation to putting additional resources into Beechpark Services from the €1m allocated in the 2012 service plan for early intervention teams and specialist autism services. Colm Desmond has been in discussions with Maureen Windle on the details of the submission.

I understand that a number of clarifications have been requested from HSE following the discussions and that these are currently being pursued by Colm

Brian
Brian Dowling

Disability Unit
6354487

James Reilly

Hello Brian, Can you offer any advice on the e-m...

30/04/2012 14:23:00

From: James Reilly <james.reilly@oireachtas.ie>
To: Brian_Dowling@health.gov.ie
Cc: Colm_Desmond@health.gov.ie
Date: 30/04/2012 14:23
Subject: Fw: HSE supports for ASD unit at Bracken

Hello Brian,

Can you offer any advice on the e-mail below. In light of the Beechpark meeting with Minister Reilly before Christmas do you know if there was any conclusion to that meeting i.e. report made??

Best regards

Joe

Joe Doyle
Minister Reilly's Constituency Office
Unit 3, 1st Floor,
Chamber Building,
Swords,
Co. Dublin
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From: Minister's_Office@health.gov.ie
To: James.Reilly@oireachtas.ie
Date: 30/04/2012 14:00
Subject: Fw: HSE supports for ASD unit at Bracken
Sent by: Joan_Byrne@health.gov.ie

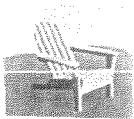
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Marian Griffin <mariangriffin@brackenets.com>

To minister's_office@health.gov.ie,

24/04/2012 17:21

Minister_Reilly@health.gov.ie
cc



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Brian Dowling to: Neil Waldron
Cc: Colm Desmond

01/05/2012 17:51

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Neil

Colm is in discussions with HSE on Beechpark and may have latest version of Beechpark Note

Brian

Brian Dowling

Disability Unit
6354487

Neil Waldron Brian have you gotten an updated brief on Beech... 01/05/2012 12:42:22

From: Neil Waldron/SLAINTE
To: Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 01/05/2012 12:42
Subject: Beechpark Services

Brian
have you gotten an updated brief on Beechpark Services From the HSE within the last month or so?
Neil

Neil Waldron
Tel: 01- 6354038



Fw: Beechpark follow up
Brian Dowling to: Neil Waldron

23/05/2012 15:56

Brian Dowling

Disability Unit
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From: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE
To: Neil Waldron/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Cc: Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 01/05/2012 20:08
Subject: Fw: Beechpark follow up

These were clarifications requested on the original note, to follow.

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To: <Colm_Desmond@health.gov.ie>
Cc: <Anne.Melly@hse.ie>, "Marion Meany" <Marion.Meany@hse.ie>, "Wade, Patricia" <patricia.wade@hse.ie>
Date: 02/03/2012 11:09
Subject: Beechpark follow up

Dear Colm

Please see attached a response to your queries following our submission in regard to Beechpark.

Regards

Cate

Cate Hartigan
AND Disability Services
HSE

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Duplicate

Mr. Colm Desmond,
Disability Unit,
Department of Health and Children,
Hawkins House,
Dublin 2.

Re: Beechpark –additional information

Dear Colm,

Individual cases

[REDACTED]

Additional and vacant posts

Since the update was provided the 1.6 OT positions have been filled. These appointments were as a result of other posts/hours being suppressed to enable the vacancies to be filled and facilitated the return from career break for two staff members.

Replacement of staff within the disability services has to be considered in the context of the overall HSE employment ceiling. The remaining vacancies come under the moratorium and cannot be filled unless other posts are suppressed elsewhere. This in reality means that other service provision is negatively impacted and therefore other children and adults will be negatively affected.

Furthermore, there is a critical need for the HSE to ensure effective cover for the impact of the 'grace period' retirements. The priority is on maintaining essential critical frontline services such as Maternity, Emergency Departments, Critical Care, and Neonatal Care.

The HSE continues to explore how best to fill the vacancies and to provide the additional WTE's required to fully utilize the €1m made available as additional funding for Beechpark and early intervention services nationally. This includes exploring how we might manage within the overall WTE ceiling for the HSE; the provision of services by a section 39 provider although this is limited by the knowledge and expertise of appropriate providers for this cohort; and the use of private practitioners (although there is limited availability of same).

It is anticipated that an Implementation Plan for the reconfiguration of children's services will be completed by the end of 2012 under the 'Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People's programme.

Waiting lists

The waiting list will not be cleared under Option 1 or Option 2; as discussed it is impossible to determine how much waiting times will be reduced, as waiting lists are dynamic. Furthermore, the reduction in waiting times is linked to whether or not 5 additional WTE's can be provided through the options referred to above. The absence of appropriate clinical space is also a factor that will impact on the effective use of any additional resource. The HSE will explore the potential for using school premises out of school hours for clinical space to assist in this matter.

Conclusion

As previously advised, Beechpark, was set up in 1998 as a HSE multidisciplinary clinical service for children up to 18 years of age with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder without a significant developmental delay i.e., functioning within the mild range of cognitive functioning or above and enrolled in DES designated preschool or outreach classes, living in Dublin, Kildare or Wicklow. It also supports a number of children enrolled in six ABA Special Schools and two Special Schools in Stillorgan and Loughlinstown.

Beechpark was never intended to be the primary/only provider for children with mild ASD. The number of children enrolled in DES designated classes continues to grow and not all meet the criteria for inclusion in Beechpark services. However Beechpark has to operate within a defined budget and staff complement and therefore there is and will continue to be a growing capacity issue. Within the reconfiguration of disability services for children 0-18 years which is currently being addressed through the implementation of 'Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People' programme, the existing model of service provision for children with ASD will be reviewed in the context of a more equitable response to service needs. This approach will in the long-term assist in relieving this situation.

It should also be noted that Beechpark's allocation will be reduced by 3.7% (a reduction in their allocation of €231,213) as per the National Service Plan and so any new resources must be considered in this context.

Yours sincerely



Dr. Cate Hartigan,
Assistant National Director,
Disability Services.



Fw: Beechpark
Brian Dowling to: Neil Waldron

23/05/2012 15:56

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From: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE
To: Neil Waldron/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Cc: Brian Dowling/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 01/05/2012 20:10
Subject: Fw: Beechpark

Neil

Please bear in mind that the content of this report wouldn't be necessarily for public consumption if you are doing a briefing note. I wouldn't mind seeing what you do, please, as discussions with the Minister's advisor are ongoing on this issue.

thanks

Colm

----- Forwarded by Colm Desmond/SLAINTE on 01/05/2012 20:09 -----

From: "Hartigan, Cate" <cate.hartigan1@hse.ie>
To: <Colm_Desmond@health.gov.ie>
Cc: <Brian_Dowling@health.gov.ie>, "Anne Melly" <anne.melly@hse.ie>, "Wade, Patricia" <patricia.wade@hse.ie>, "Michael Shemeld (Development Manager - National Disability Unit)" <Michael.Shemeld@hse.ie>
Date: 07/02/2012 15:27
Subject: Beechpark

Dear Colm

Please find attached a report on Beechpark following the meeting with Minister Reilly. [REDACTED]

The report provides for two options in regard to the funding being provided via Minister Reilly's announcement. Page 13-the HSE would strongly advocate Option 1.

This option gives 5 posts (€300,000) to Beechpark, DNE this year and proposes 5 posts for Beechpark, DML next year.

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Regards

Cate



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Beechpark Services

Colm Desmond to: cate.hartigan1

Cc: anne.melly, Kieran Smyth, Brian Dowling

10/05/2012 14:18

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Hartigan, Cate to: colm_desmond

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Date: Wed, May 23, 2012 10:34
Subject: Beechpark Services
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Cate

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Could we discuss this morning please.

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Thanks Colm I will be back in HH later M
Colm Desmond

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From: Colm Desmond
Sent: 23/05/2012 12:51 GDT
To: Maureen Windle
Cc: Stephen Doran; Kieran Smyth
Subject: Beechpark Services

Maureen

Your request this morning refers. I have asked HSE for an urgent update on a number of points I raised with them recently, arising from our discussions. I am assured I will get this update today. I will be in touch later on to brief you again so that we can agree on how to move this forward to the Minister.

Colm

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Fw: Beechpark additional information
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Date: 24/05/2012 09:13
Subject: Beechpark additional information

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Regards

Cate

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Cate Hartigan
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23rd May 2012

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Fw: Beechpark additional information
Colm Desmond to Kieran Smyth
Cc: Brian Dowling

24/05/2012 10:45

Kieran

For info. I will put some points to Maureen Windle later on based on this additional note and run them past you for your obs. Cate's e-mail to follow with note.

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Date: 24/05/2012 10:43
Subject: Re: Beechpark additional information

Cate

This is very helpful. I will consult internally and revert to you later today if there are any follow-up issues.

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Sorry, note attached !

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Note with further information on Beechpark Services 24 May 2012.doc

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Subject: Fw: Beechpark additional information

Kieran
cc Brian

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thanks, appreciate you looking at it.
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Date: 24/05/2012 12:58
Subject: Re: Fw: Beechpark additional information

Colm
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Fw: Beechpark additional information
Colm Desmond to Kieran Smyth
Cc: Brian Dowling

24/05/2012 16:04

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Cc: Stephen Doran/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 24/05/2012 16:03
Subject: Fw: Beechpark additional information

Maureen

I attach a response to additional queries put to the HSE in relation to Beechpark (see below) and a note which summarises the main points with recommendations on how we might move forward. I am available to discuss when convenient.

Best regards

Colm

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Date: 24/05/2012 09:13
Subject: Beechpark additional information

Dear Colm

Please find attached our response to the additional queries in regard to Beechpark additional funding.

Regards

Cate

Cate Hartigan
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Summary

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 - > priority ~~allocation~~ posts to ~~be filled~~ ^{be filled} for maximum impact on waiting time. speech & language, psychology & occupational therapy
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€300,000 (5 ^{posts} allocated to DNE ~~to now~~ ^{to now} waiting ~~lists~~ ^{lists})
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Total. €1,000,000 (15 posts) WTE.



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Subject: Beechpark Services - draft note

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Brian

Note to go to Minister for his papers this weekend, as discussed with Maureen Windle
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Kieran Smyth to: Colm Desmond

11/06/2012 10:51

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Colm
Thanks
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Re: Euro 1 Million- Children with disability -early intervention/ autism services

Colm Desmond to Bairbre Nic Aongusa
Cc: Kieran Smyth

12/06/2012 18:44

Michael Shemeld rang about another matter and this issue came up. I told him we were aware of the request from Laverne for an update on the €1m allocation, which I acknowledged we had promised to give, but we could not provide it for the present as we were still awaiting clarification on certain issues from the Minister. He said he'd pass this onto Laverne.

Colm

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Bairbre Nic Aongusa Kieran I spoke with Tom O'Leary about this iss...

12/06/2012 16:21:34

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To: Kieran Smyth/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Cc: Colm Desmond/SLAINTE@SLAINTE
Date: 12/06/2012 16:21
Subject: Re: Euro 1 Million- Children with disability -early intervention/ autism services

Kieran

I spoke with Tom O'Leary about this issue this afternoon - he was going to raise it again with the Minister.

Bairbre

Bairbre Nic Aongusa
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Kieran Smyth

Colm/Bairbre Michael Shemeld HSE contacted m...

12/06/2012 16:19:14

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Date: 12/06/2012 16:19
Subject: Euro 1 Million- Children with disability -early intervention/ autism services

Colm/Bairbre

Michael Shemeld HSE contacted me. He is acting in place of Cate Hartigan who is on A/L. Laverne McGuinness HSE was looking for an update on the issue of Euro 1 million for early intervention /autism services in 2012 in advance of the Joint Committee Meeting on Thursday. The issue was raised in a specific question raised by a Deputy and essentially a holding response was given. Our discussion this morning refers.

I said I'd try to get back to Michael at some stage tomorrow morning on this issue.

Kieran

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Fw: HSE National Review of Autism Services

Colm Desmond to Bairbre Nic Aongusa

cc: Kieran Smyth, Brian Dowling

13/06/2012 11:38

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Bairbre

Please refer to the HSE's Report to the Minister on Beechpark Autism Services and, separately, a note proposals on Early Intervention Services for Children (both submitted Feb 2012 - see folder) and separate notes from myself to the Minister, Ms Windle and the Private Secretary (attached) with clarifications arising out of the earlier reports.

On foot of note to the Private Secretary, I was asked to meet the Minister and Maureen Windle, Advisor on Monday morning. The Minister expressed his concern at the high level of investment in the Beechpark Services and noted the separate budgets for the three areas (see p8/14 of HSE February report). Noting the considerable investment in these services generally, the Minister has asked for an independent objective assessment of autism services to be carried out by an outside expert, supported by the SDU, with an early report provided. I pointed out that the recently published HSE Review of Autism Services was the wider context for the reform of service delivery in this area. The Minister asked for an information note on this review, plus a copy of the review, but emphasised that he wished to have an independent assessment carried out. Please also see e-mail below with cover note provided to the Minister's Office in February, when the Autism Review was noted by the HSE Board prior to publication. The Minister has decided to hold off making a decision on the recent proposals from myself, on foot of the various HSE reports, pending the outcome of the independent assessment.

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Note for Ministers Information on Beechpark Services 9 March 2012.doc

13/06/2012 10:54

To: Maureen Windle
From: Colm Desmond

Re: Beechpark Autism Services - additional points of clarification from HSE arising from discussions on my note to Minister of 9/3/12.

Attached note from HSE received 25th May refers. The significant points of clarification, including additional points added by the undersigned, are as follows:

1. All posts required to give effect to the €1m set aside for 2012, and two subsequent years, must be filled from within the overall HSE Employment ceiling. HSE confirm that preference will be given to non replacement of back office staff rather than clinical staff. However, the scope for this is increasingly limited due to this approach being taken across all areas in recent years.
2. Speech & language, psychology, and occupational therapy posts will be filled, to ensure the maximum impact from the funding set aside.
3. Once an option is agreed (my note of 9/3 refers) the HSE can move forward on filling the posts through the RDO, who would be charged with making the necessary provision and recruitment to give effect to additional services. The possibility of contracting services through a Section 39 or private provider will be explored to lessen the impact on the WTE ceiling and gain maximum benefit from the funding. The HSE caution that governance issues arise here as experience is that outside provision may not always be to the required standard, and capacity and choice of provider may not necessarily meet the demand.
4. Unfortunately, it would appear that the HSE will not now be able to fill the outstanding 2.5 vacancies in the system, prior to the new 2012 set aside, due to WTE ceiling issues and the 3.7% reduction in 2012. This issue will be monitored by this unit to see if flexibility can be found later in the year for the filling of these posts.
5. While waiting lists will not be cleared, the HSE estimates that an additional 5 WTE's should support approx. 60-70 children. Linked with the tabular data on page 7/14 of the HSE's main report, a fairly substantial impact on the lists of the various centres can be expected eg. in DNE under Option 1, or DNE and DML combined, under Option 2.
6. Additional demands for other support services (eg. respite, home support) will prove challenging to meet and will have to be from within existing provision. This will impact on others currently receiving these services as the provision will have to be spread more widely.
7. Option 1 (€300,000) is recommended by the HSE as the best short-term means to address the Beechpark waiting lists, in conjunction with moving forward on the allocation of the remaining €700,000 across all HSE regions, including DNE. This would ensure recruitment in DNE of 5 posts under Option 1 and a

further 2.5 posts from the remaining allocation (eg. from the 10 posts across all 4 areas).

8. While Beechpark DNE will clearly benefit more under Option 1, the objective over the medium-term would be to aim for the development on the integrated care model, with community supports, under the Progressing Disability Services Programme. There should therefore be an overall benefit for the services in both Dublin regions as long as there is a broad commitment and recognition of the benefits of moving towards this new model.
9. HSE Beechpark is a unified service under one management team which seeks to provide a consistently even approach across all its services and locations. Clearly, the service should evolve over time in line with the re-configuration of children's services nationally so as to ensure that each individual child will receive services at the appropriate level and setting, depending on the degree of specialist need, and back-up support in the community, in each case.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is recommended that an option be chosen for expenditure of €300,000 (either Option 1 or 2 in HSE Report on Beechpark Services), and for expenditure of an additional €700,000 in line with the proposals to benefit young people generally in all HSE areas, as per the HSE note of 7th February 2012.

Disability Services
24th May 2012

Private Secretary
Minister for Health

Allocation of €1 million to address waiting lists for Autism Services and the early intervention services of children with complex needs

The note for the Minister's information of 8th March 2012 refers. On foot of the accompanying report prepared by HSE on Beechpark Autism Services, further analysis and clarification have been received from the HSE on a number of points referred to below. Based on these clarifications, the following line of action is recommended:

Option 1 in the HSE Report is considered the best means to provide short-term assistance to addressing the Beechpark waiting lists. It should be noted that there are waiting lists generally throughout the Beechpark Services, with DNE among the largest in terms of numbers waiting for service.

In filling the 5 posts under this option, the following will apply:

1. As the posts will have to be filled from within the HSE's overall employment ceiling, preference will be given to non-replacement of back office over clinical staff;
2. Posts to be filled will be speech and language, psychology and occupational therapy, to ensure maximum impact from the funding set aside;
3. Where it might be feasible and meet required standards, services may also be contracted through a Section 39 or private provider so as to lessen the impact on the WTE ceiling.

Option 1 would ensure that an amount of €300,000 would be directed towards filling posts in the DNE Beechpark Service. The HSE estimate that the additional 5 posts should support approximately 60-70 children. Linked to the tabular data on page 7/14 of the HSE's report, which shows a substantial waiting list, this option would appear to ensure a best possible impact on the waiting lists generally.

A further 2.5 vacancies exist in the present service provision which are unfilled due to the general staffing and funding restrictions. The HSE will keep the option of filling these posts under active consideration, subject to funding becoming freed up within the system later in the year.

In addition to Option 1, the HSE also recommend that it move forward with the allocation of the remaining €700,000 across all four HSE regions, including DNE, as outlined in its note of 7th February 2012 which accompanied the Beechpark report. This will result in the filling of 2.5 WTE posts, in the relevant professional disciplines, in each region - a total of 10 posts nationally. This funding will advance in parallel the medium-term aim of current policy to develop an integrated care model for children with complex needs generally, with community supports, under the Progressing Disability Services Programme. Over time, the objective would be to re-configure children's services nationally so as to ensure that services are provided at

the appropriate level and setting, depending on the degree of specialist need and community support required.

Summary

Criteria for distribution of €1m allocation for early intervention and complex needs:

- numbers waiting for early intervention service;
- priority posts to be filled for maximum impact on waiting times: speech & language, psychology and occupational therapy;
- where HSE are unable to fill these posts due to staffing moratorium, provision of service through a S39 or private provider will be considered where feasible.

Based on these criteria, the following line of action is recommended:

sld / (i) Early Intervention/Integrated Care services for children with complex needs

€ 175,000 (2.5 posts) DNE

€ 175,000 (2.5 posts) DML

€ 175,000 (2.5 posts) South

€ 175,000 (2.5 posts) Mid-West

OK A (ii) Early intervention services

€300,000 (5 posts) allocated to DNE to address waiting lists

Total €1m for 15 posts

Colm Desmond
Colm Desmond
Principal
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8 JUNE 2012

Note for Ministers Information on Beechpark Autism Services

The HSE has submitted a report on Beechpark Autism Services and related service issues for children with ASD in Dublin North in response to a request made by Minister Reilly at a meeting on 16 December with Beechpark representatives. [REDACTED]

Part 1 of the report gives a general overview of the services Beechpark provides for children with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and outlines a number of issues that are impacting adversely on the average waiting times for children with ASD seeking services from Beechpark. These issues include (a) the pause on recruitment in 2011 which resulted in the non-filling of 4.1 therapy/psychology posts, (of which 1.6 occupational therapy posts have been filled in early 2012) (b) the need for developing closer cooperation between HSE and Education on appropriate education access for children (c) the lack of dedicated therapy space in HSE facilities and schools and (d) capacity issues due to lack of access to purpose built facilities in schools outside of the school day and school terms.

Part 2 of the report deals with the issues arising in planning for the needs of children with ASD in Dublin North and Dublin North City in 2012. Two options are proposed to address Beechpark's waiting lists, as follows:

Option 1: €300,000 out of the €1m in additional funding the Minister has allocated to address waiting lists for autism services and early intervention teams in 2012 is proposed to be used to recruit 5 WTE therapists in Dublin North East (DNE), with a further €300,000 to be allocated in 2013 to address waiting lists in Dublin Mid Leinster (DML).

Option 2: The allocation of €300,000 will be divided in proportion to the current waiting lists in DNE and in DML. Accordingly DNE will receive 36% of the allocation or €108,000 for 2 WTE's, and DML will receive 64% of the funding or €192,000 for 3 WTE's

The remaining €700,000 would provide for a further 10 WTE posts country wide to be distributed equally between the four HSE Regions with a priority given to strengthening speech and language therapy and occupational therapy services, consistent with the implementation plan being developed in respect of the reconfiguration of teams involved in the 'Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young Peoples Programme'.

The HSE is currently examining how it can fill the above posts within the employment ceiling and it is considering a number of options to progress this issue, see below:

Overview

The HSE favour Option 1 as the best short-term means to address Beechpark's waiting lists.

The Ministers attention is drawn to the following issues:

- Option 1 would require the filling of 5 WTE posts which would result in posts having to be suppressed elsewhere, to stay within the ceilings imposed by the HSE

Employment Control Framework. Unless these posts can be filled, the additional funding cannot be used for this purpose. This issue has to be resolved in the context of the HSE employment ceiling and could impact on service provision elsewhere. In addition, the currently vacant 2.5 therapy/psychology posts (out of the 4.1 total above) need to be filled to prevent waiting lists extending further.

- **The waiting lists in Beechpark will not be fully cleared under Option 1 or Option 2** and the HSE cannot determine how much waiting times will be reduced, although efficiencies in overhauling the referral system to Beechpark and filling the existing vacancies should assist in reducing waiting times
- There needs to be greater cooperation between HSE and Dept of Education and Skills on appropriate education access for children as DES designated classes are growing, and not all children attending these classes meet Beechpark criteria for services.

The HSE is currently examining how best to overcome and address these issues including the possibility of acquiring service provision from a Section 39 provider (not subject to moratorium considerations). In addition a further 10 posts will need to be freed up from within the ceiling throughout the country in order to use the remaining allocation of €700,000.

Beechpark's role in the context of the HSE Autism Review

The HSE has undertaken a 'Review of Autism Services in Ireland'. The aim was to review current models of service provision and to make recommendations in relation to preferred models of service delivery, and to identify clear and consistent pathways to access services. The Review is expected to lead to a greater level of uniformity in the way that services are delivered for children with autism. The Review recommends a move to a more consistent model of delivery in line with mainstreaming policy of equal access for people with a disability to the appropriate service for their individual needs. A reconfiguration of existing service provision has been recommended, with access at the appropriate level, depending on need, through the primary care system, school age teams, and specialist intervention services as appropriate.

The HSE has advised that the existing model of service provision for children with ASD, including those in Beechpark, will be reviewed in the context of a more equitable response to service needs and reconfiguration of disability services for children 0-18 years and the HSE considers that this approach will assist in relieving waiting lists long term.

Next Steps

- (1) We need to confirm with the HSE how it proposes to free up sufficient posts to utilise the €1m provided by the Minister to address waiting lists including the 5 WTE and the 2.5 vacant posts for Beechpark.
- (2) A mechanism is required to ring fence the additional €1m allocation in 2012 within the HSE Vote, and the necessary posts, to ensure it is targeted for specialist autism services and early intervention teams. As we are now nearing the end of Q1, this requires speedy consideration by the HSE.
- (3) The HSE has flagged that this initiative may involve suppressing posts elsewhere which would impact on service provision. As the HSE is currently exploring a

number of options on this, it is recommended that the matter of filling and hiring therapy posts from this allocation be kept under review with HSE on a quarterly basis.

- (4) HSE needs to be asked to either free up the necessary posts or acquire the services from a Section 39 provider This is a matter for the HSE to decide having regard to overall service plan priorities.

Disability Unit
9 March 2012

Clm

Maureen advises
that if you put up
a v. short note
recommending that
we proceed with
the 300k and hold
the 700k pending
the review, she
will get Min. to
sign it on Monday.

D - 15/6

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Autism Services

Colm Desmond to: Stephen Doran

20/06/2012 11:27

Cc: Maureen Windle, Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Kieran Smyth, Brian Dowling

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Private Secretary
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Allocation of €1 million in 2012 to address waiting lists for Autism Services and the early intervention services of children with complex needs

Discussions and previous submissions on this allocation refer. The following is recommended:

1. Implementation of Option 1 in the HSE Report (Jan 2012) to provide an amount of €300,000 for the recruitment of 5 posts to address the Beechpark waiting lists in the Dublin North East area. Speech & language, psychology and occupational therapy posts will be filled for this purpose, as appropriate, and from within the HSE's overall employment ceiling which is the basis for this allocation.
2. The remaining allocation of €700,000 for early intervention services for children with special needs will be held over for the present, pending the outcome of the review requested by the Minister on spending on autism services generally.

On approval of the foregoing, HSE will be directed to put the necessary arrangements in place to give effect to 1. above.

Colm Desmond
Principal
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20th June 2012



{In Archive} Re: Autism Services
Stephen Doran to: Colm Desmond

20/06/2012 15:47

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Fw: Autism Services
Colm Desmond to: Kieran Smyth, Brian Dowling

22/06/2012 15:50

For info, in case I didn't send this around on Wednesday.
I will let Cate know by phone soon and, as agreed with Kieran, draft up a suitable e-mail to her to initiate this.

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draft note on autism allocation
Colm Desmond to Kieran Smyth
Cc: Brian Dowling

28/06/2012 14:40

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Kieran

I propose to send this to Cate. Do you wish to add anything about the review as you may, no doubt, need some HSE input into it?

Colm

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Funding for children with Autism
Colm Desmond to: cate.hartigan1
Cc: Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Kieran Smyth

29/06/2012 16:13

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RE: Funding for children with Autism

Hartigan, Cate to: Colm_Desmond

02/07/2012 13:32

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Cc: Meany", "Wade, Patricia", "GERALDINE M. BRADY", "Ann
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Regards

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AND Disability Services

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Sent: 29 June 2012 16:13

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RE: Funding for children with Autism

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05/07/2012 17:09

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Dear Cate

Thank you for your reply in regard to the Minister's decision to proceed now with part of the allocation set aside in 2012 for addressing the waiting lists for autism services and early intervention services for children with complex needs. I note the points you make regarding the preferred use of funding in this area generally. I would point out that no decision has been made not to allocate the remaining amount of the allocation set aside in 2012, pending the outcome of the review referred to in my earlier e-mail. I am copying to my colleague Kieran Smyth who is managing the issues around this review and will be in a position to update you in due course. You might also copy Mr Smyth in the action plan for the DNE implementation.

Best regards

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