

Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young Persons End of Year 2017 update for St. Michael's House Families

What is Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young Persons (PDSCYP)?

Progressing Disability Services (PDS) is a national HSE programme being implemented across the country to reconfigure children's disability service provision. All Voluntary agencies and the HSE are engaged in this process and are at varying stages of planning and completion.

Who is St. Michael's House working with?

Planning for the reconfiguration of children's disability services is underway in Community Health Care Organisations (CHO) 9 (Dublin North) , 6 & 7 (Dublin South), areas where St Michaels House provides children's services. St. Michael's House is working very closely with all of their partner agencies who provide children disability services in these areas to plan for the changes.

Unfortunately the regional process is delayed at present mainly due to the following:

1. The Progressing Disability Services Project lead position in Dublin North CH09, is currently vacant, the recruitment process is active. This role co-ordinates the plan between all agencies in Dublin North CH09. Progress is dependent on this role being recruited. The Dublin South, CH06 and CH07 project leads are in place and active.
2. The Network Team Manager posts continues to be discussed and developed at a national level. These managers will lead the Disability Network teams in each area. Discussions have extended the timeframes for the planned phased reconfiguration of teams.

St. Michael's House work continues in Dublin North and South.

While there has been a delay in timelines for reconfiguration, planning and preparation work is continuing both within St. Michael's House, and externally with our partner agencies through Local Implementation groups.

This has included significant work in relation to planning the process for transitions, evaluating existing practice models, planning and developing robust pathways for service delivery, and developing policies, procedures and guidance for new teams.

In early 2018, St. Michael's House hopes to set up a PDS family forum. We will make contact in the New Year.

What is happening Nationally ?

The first Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People National Conference ' Working Together to Support Children and Families' will be hosted by the Dept. of Health in Limerick on December 1st. This is sold out. There will be National Conference Live Stream - Via webinar from Mary Immaculate College Limerick. Webinar Venues confirmed in Dublin South - CH06 & CH07.

Venue 1

Lecture Theatre
Cherry Orchard Hospital.

Time: 9.00am - 4.45pm

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Venue 2

Enable Ireland
Sandymount

Time: 9.10am – 4.45pm

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*At time of print- no Dublin North webinar venue - CH09 confirmed - update on www.smh.ie

Where can I get more information ?

St. Michael's House: PDS bulletins, CHO areas & updates available www.smh.ie

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HSE: www.HSE.ie/PCDS **E:** pcds.9@hse.ie

We will continue to keep you updated on the reconfiguration of services as the national discussions and finalised.