



Referrals to Services for Children with Disability or Developmental Delay Aged from Birth to 18 years in Dublin North City and County

Referrals for children with diagnosed or suspected disability in Dublin North City and County are changing from June 2021.

Many children with difficulties or delays in development can have their needs met by their local Primary Care services. Children with more complex needs, whatever the nature of their disability or delay, should be referred to their local Children's Disability Network Team. These teams will replace the traditional disability teams provided by the CRC, Daughters of Charity, HSE and St. Michael's House.

A child does **not** require an Assessment of Need, you can refer directly to the team to avoid delay.

Children's Disability Network Teams

Geographic area

Children's Disability Network Teams operate in a defined area and are provided based on the child's home address. Find out details for the relevant team in the Local Information at the end of this leaflet.

Needs of Child and Family

A Children's Disability Network Team provides supports for children whose difficulties or delays impact significantly in a range of areas of their day to day life. The child and their family require a team of professionals working closely together.

Referral Forms

Please complete the Children's Services Referral Form **and** an Additional Information Form for the child's age group (click on appropriate icon below).

Referral Form	0-11 months	1year- 2years 11months	3year – 5 years 11months	6 years -11years 11 months	12 years – 18 years
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The Additional Information Form should be completed by the parents, with assistance if needed. The forms gather information about the child's development, current concerns and what the parents would like their child to gain from attending a health service. The level of detail asked for makes it much easier for services to decide how best to respond to the child's needs.

Consent

The child's parent or legal guardian must sign the consent included in the referral form. If the consent is not signed the form will be returned to the referrer.

Definition of a Legal Guardian

All mothers, whether they are married or not, have automatic guardianship unless they give the child up for adoption. A father who is married to the mother of his child also has automatic guardianship. This applies even if the couple married after the birth of the child.

A father who is not married to the mother of his child does not have automatic guardianship unless he has lived with the child's mother for 12 consecutive months after 18th January 2016, including at least 3 months since the child's birth. Parents who are not married can be made joint guardians by signing a statutory declaration, or a father may apply to the District Court to be made a joint guardian.

Please ensure that parents always have a clear understanding of the reason for the child's referral to any service before they consent to the referral being made.

Decisions on the right service

The Childrens Disability Network Team will decide the appropriate service based on the information provided with the referral. The team will look at the level and range of the child's difficulties and needs.

The quickest route to get a child to the right service

1. Find out where to send the referral from the local information attached
2. Complete the children's Services Referral Form fully, including signed parental consent, and the Additional Information Form for the child's age
3. Send any existing reports on the child (from health services, school or pre-school) with the completed forms

Local Information

	CDNT:	Areas covered:	Childrens Disability Network Manager Team Contact Details
CRC	Balbriggan	Skerries, Rush, Lusk	Stasia Concannon cdntbalbriggan@crc.ie
	Swords	Oldtown, Donabate	Barbara Shinnars cdntsword@crc.ie
	Clontarf	Marino, Millmount	Elaine Doherty cdntclontarf@crc.ie

St Michaels House	Coastal	Malahide, Portmarnock, Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle	Aoife Quinn cdntcoastal@smh.ie
	Coolock	Beaumont, Darndale, Priorswood	Niamh Giltinan cdntcoolock@smh.ie
	Kilbarrack	Edenmore, Harmonstown, Artane, Raheny, Clongriffin, Donaghmede	Sinéad O'Sullivan cdntkilbarrack@smh.ie
	Ballymun	Larkhill, Whitehall, Santry	Tomás Flanagan cdntballymun@smh.ie
HSE	North Inner City	Summerhill, North Strand, East Wall	Laura O'Connell cdntnic@hse.ie
	Finglas	North Glasnevin, St. Margarets	Sinéad English cdntfinglas@hse.ie
Daughters of Charity	Cabra/ Grangegorman	Ashtown, Navan Road	Vivienne Finn cdntcabra@docservice.ie
	Blakestown	Mulhuddart, Hartstown, Clonsilla, Ongar	Elaine Finn cdntblakestown@docservice.ie
	Blanchardstown	Castleknock, Carpenterstown, Corduff, Tyrellstown	Deepak Kumar cdntblanchardstown@docservice.ie

