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Five representative HSCP organisations satisfied with outcome of recent Children's Disabilities Services negotiations

"The AOTI, IASLT, IASW, ISCP and PSI issued a statement in October 2023, expressing our significant concerns over clinical governance in Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) due, in part, to lack of Discipline Managers, and the impact this has on safety of staff and children. This statement was supported by the INDI and Fórsa. Follow-on discussions were held with the National Clinical Programme for People with Disability and the National Children's Disabilities Services where we again highlighted the need for Discipline Managers among other proposals.

We are delighted with the outcome of recent Fórsa/WRC negotiations, given the significant concerns raised and ongoing advocacy by Professional Bodies, whereby the HSE has agreed to the introduction of interim Discipline Managers in CDNTs. This is a result of our collaboration and sustained efforts to advocate for the interests and priorities of Health and Social Care Professionals (HSCPs) and their patients/service users.

We will continue our engagement with the National Clinical Programme for People with Disabilities and the National Disabilities Team on issues of concern to our members regarding Progressing Disability Services (PDS) for children and young people, including issues relating to staff recruitment and retention, clinical governance, scope of practice, risk management and clinical supervision."

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