

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND HOUSING
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2019**

Question

As the Child Development Centre where all children with life limiting disease, disability or who need palliative care are looked after by Paediatricians Physiotherapists Occupational Therapists and Social Workers is managed by the Children Young People and Education Service, (C.Y.P.E.S.), are the clinicians employed by Health or are they employed by C.Y.P.E.S.?

What is the reporting and clinical governance arrangement for clinicians, if they are classified as Health Care Professionals?

Answer

The Child Development Centre has a range of professionals and other staff working together and with a wide range of partners to support children and young people who have a range of very complex needs. Ensuring appropriate and effective clinical governance is critical in this regard.

Currently the therapy staff (occupational, speech and language, and physiotherapy) remain under the line management of the Health and Community Department whereas the social care staff such as the family care co-ordinators and senior practitioners are in the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department. Clinical governance for health staff remains unchanged and is provided by the Health and Community Services Department.

The Children, Young People, Education and Skills and Health and Community Services Departments have an agreed Memorandum of Understanding in place which sets out operational, performance, assurance, financial and governance arrangements and have a monthly Joint Governance and Oversight Group attended by the Directors General, Group Directors, Medical Director and other appropriate officers to review progress and plan direction.

As part of the Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department there is a new post created of Team Leader for the Child Development Centre who will provide daily operational management and direction while ensuring all clinical and professional management and governance arrangements are in place.