



**Children's  
Disability  
Network  
Team**

# **CDNT 5 - NAVAN/SLANE**

**Information Session for Families attending the Children's Disability  
Network Team (CDNT)**



# Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ As you may be aware the HSE has implemented a new service model for children under the national programme called Progressing Disability Services.
- ▶ Children aged **0-18 years** with **complex needs** now receive their services from the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) across the country.
- ▶ **The CDNT for your area has now been established and we are called Children's Disability Network Team 5 Navan/Slane (CDNT 5).**



# What does the team do?

Every child/young person who has complex intervention and support needs will be helped to reach their full potential. This will be done as close to home as possible and based on the goals of the family & child/young person

# Where are we?

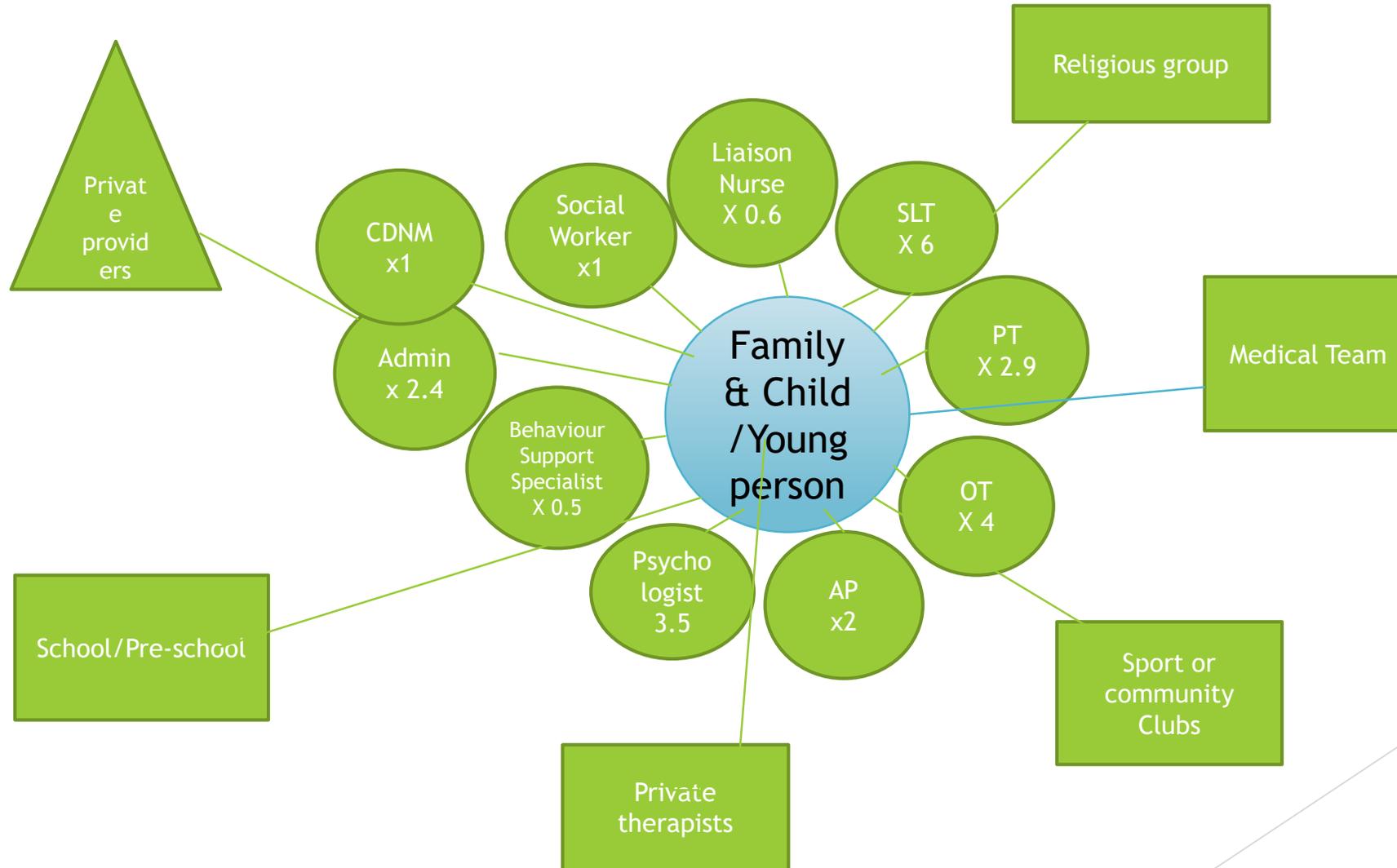
- ▶ We have one central based in Unit 13, Mullaghoy Industrial Estate, Navan
- ▶ We do also see children and families in their homes, in their school or pre-school or community buildings

# What areas do we cover?

- ▶ We provide services to children and families who live in Navan and Slane and surrounding areas, including Bohermeen, part of Dunderry, Bective, Lismullen, towards Rodstown/Fordstown, north of Kilmessan and Tara



# Who is the team?

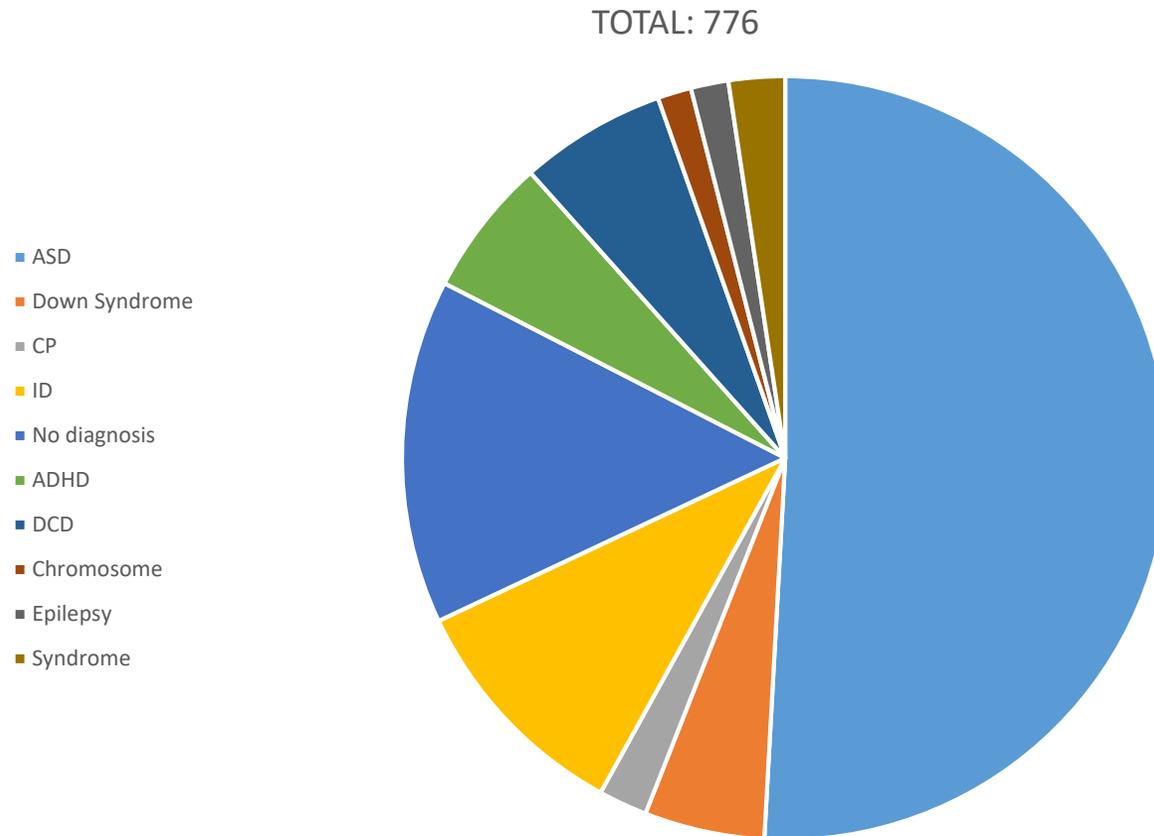




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# Some numbers

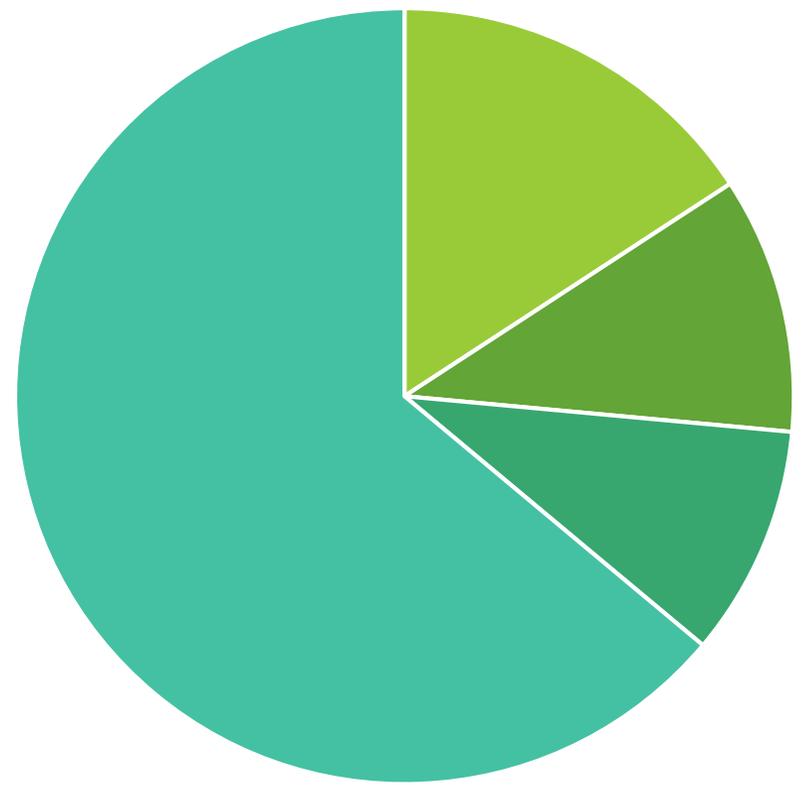
## ▶ Children active in service:





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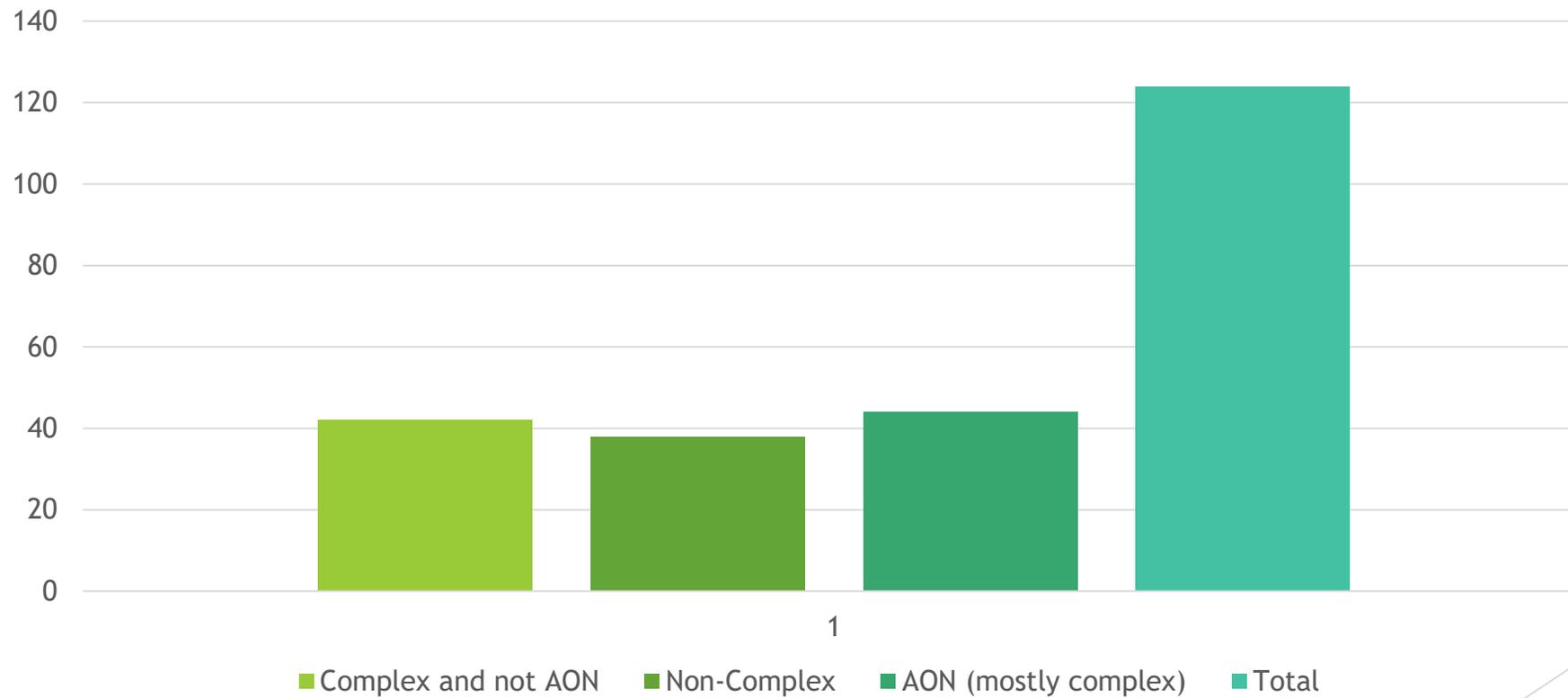
# Numbers waiting for initial assessment



■ 0-3 Months ■ 4-6 months ■ 6-12 months ■ 12 months +



# Numbers waiting for ASD assessment

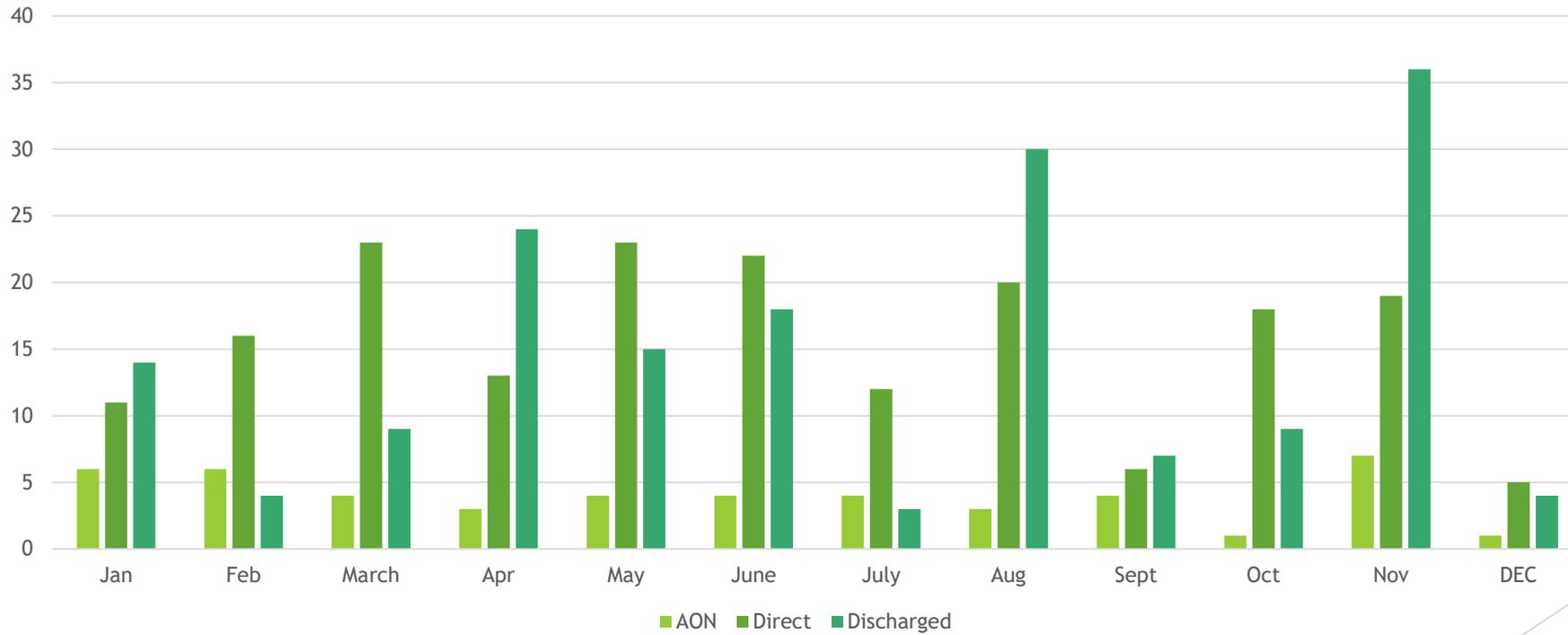




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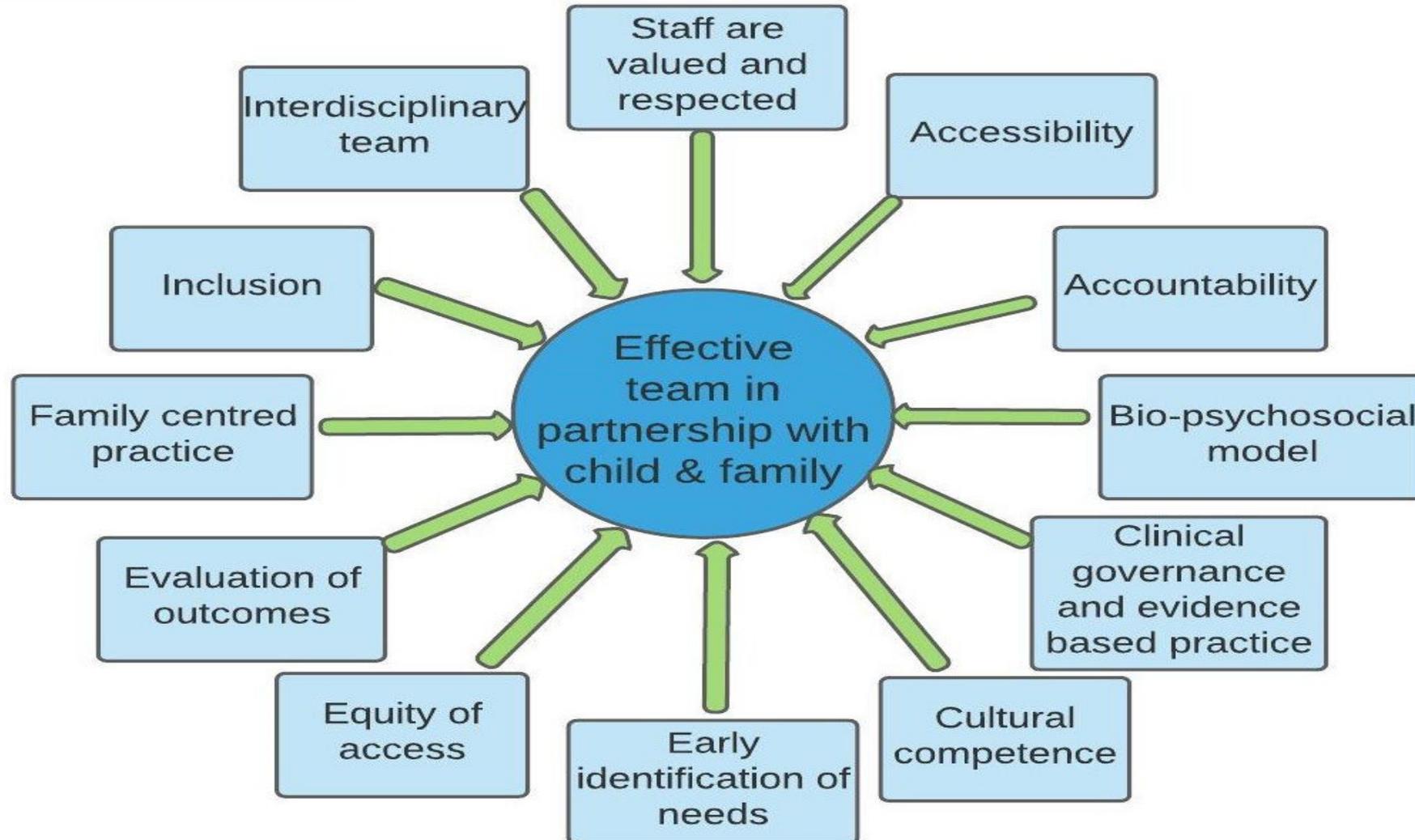
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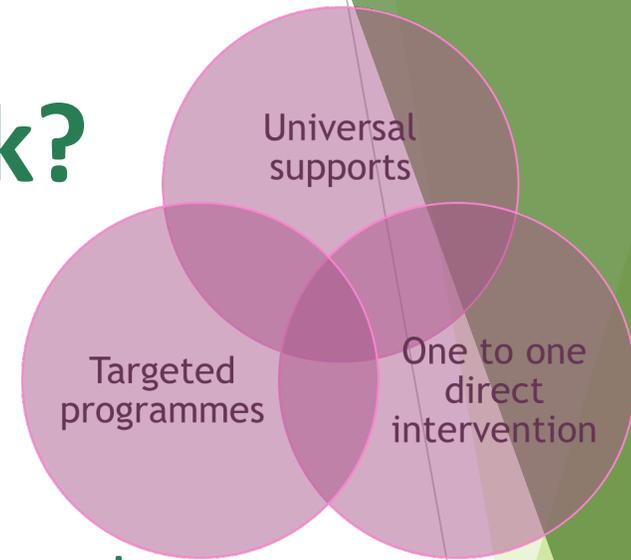
# PDS Principles





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# How do we work?



- IFSP Goals
- Individual assessment and/or intervention based on need and prioritization system
- Pathways with specific groups or workshops or parent training
- Links and signposting to community supports and resources
- Links with schools/pre-schools
- Team review caseload and needs of children regularly



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# Main Pathways

- Seedlings – Baby's day out
- Acorns – 2-6 year olds
- Saplings – 7-12 year olds
- Young oaks – 13-18 year olds
- Health related pathways
- Assessment Pathways



# Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP)

- ▶ Goals are based on the functional needs of the child and the family and child priorities
- ▶ Goals agreed between family and child/young person and team
- ▶ Steps to reach the goals are identified
- ▶ Intervention and support provided by team based on these steps



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Developing your child's Relationships with parents, family members, friends and others they see regularly

Developing your child's sense of belonging

FOCUS OF  
The IFSP

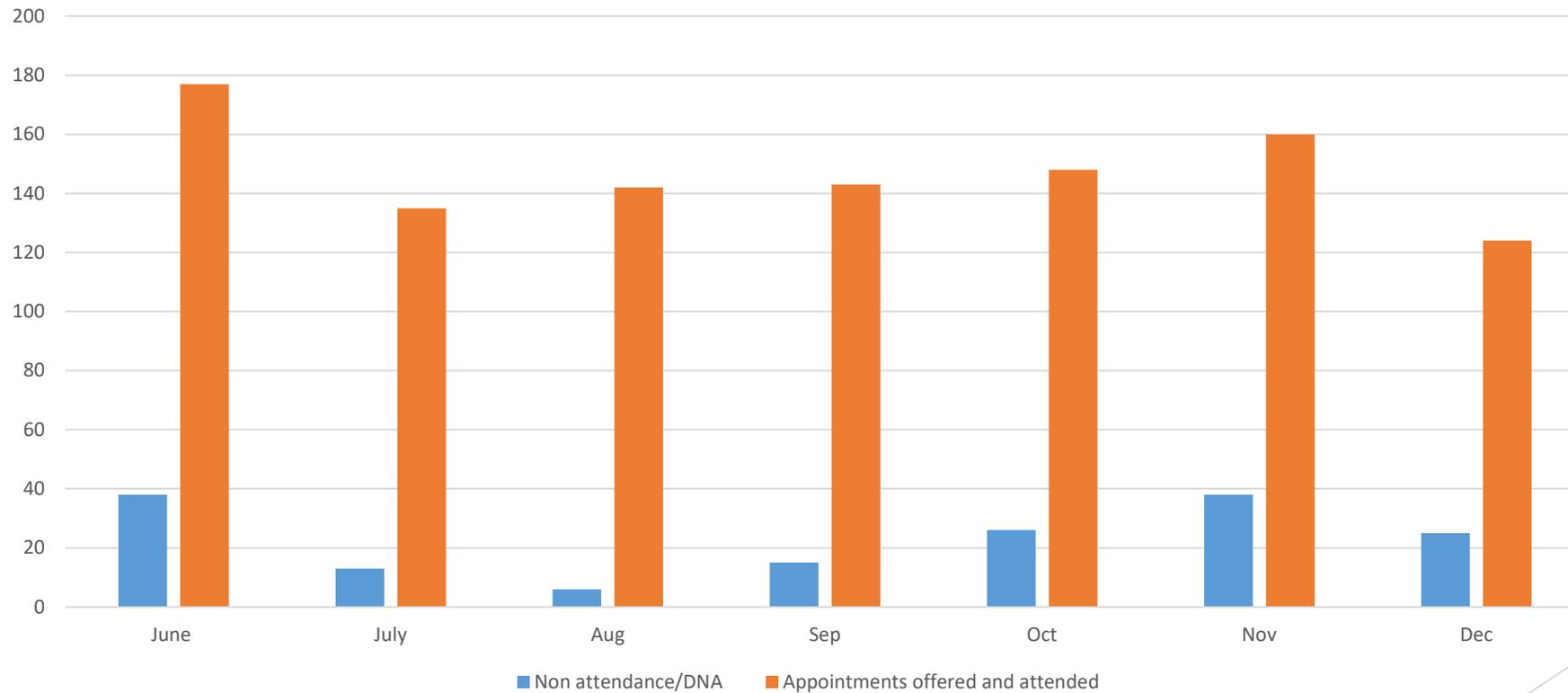
How the child feels taking part in things  
(Participating)

Your child learning to do things as much as possible by themselves  
(Independence)

# Importance of everyday activities

- ▶ Research shows that the support and guidance you give during everyday activities makes the biggest difference to your child's development and learning
- ▶ For young children, setting aside special 'therapy time' is not required as the most effective and lasting learning happens in everyday routines, activities and opportunities.

# Appointments offered and attended vs Not attended





# Attendance at appointments

- ▶ You have seen the number of appointments going to waste if not attended or cancelled
- ▶ Appointments should always be cancelled or re-scheduled through Admin
- ▶ If an appointment is offered, please attend. We are managing our resources very tightly so to re-schedule can be very difficult
- ▶ Groups are not nice to have, fobbing parents or a token idea. When we need to share the same information with people or provide the same intervention to a number of people it makes sense to do it all together. There are also other benefits to groups. They take a lot of time to prepare for, so we do not decide on a group without a lot of thought



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# Key Contact

- Each family will be allocated a Key Contact during periods of intervention
- Role = main link with team for the family
- Share information from the family with the team

# Family Folder

- ▶ Will be provided to each family when accepted to the service
- ▶ It will contain information for families
- ▶ Includes some aspects of service delivery in terms of policy



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# Family Forums

- ▶ Each CDNT will have a Family Forum
- ▶ We are planning on starting those in February 2023
- ▶ What is it for?

The Family Forum is where families have the opportunity to share ideas on what can be done to make the service better and to share general issues that come up for the service

- ▶ How to get involved:

Invitation will be open to all families and you can attend every one if you wish. You can even nominate yourself to be a Family Representative





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**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

