


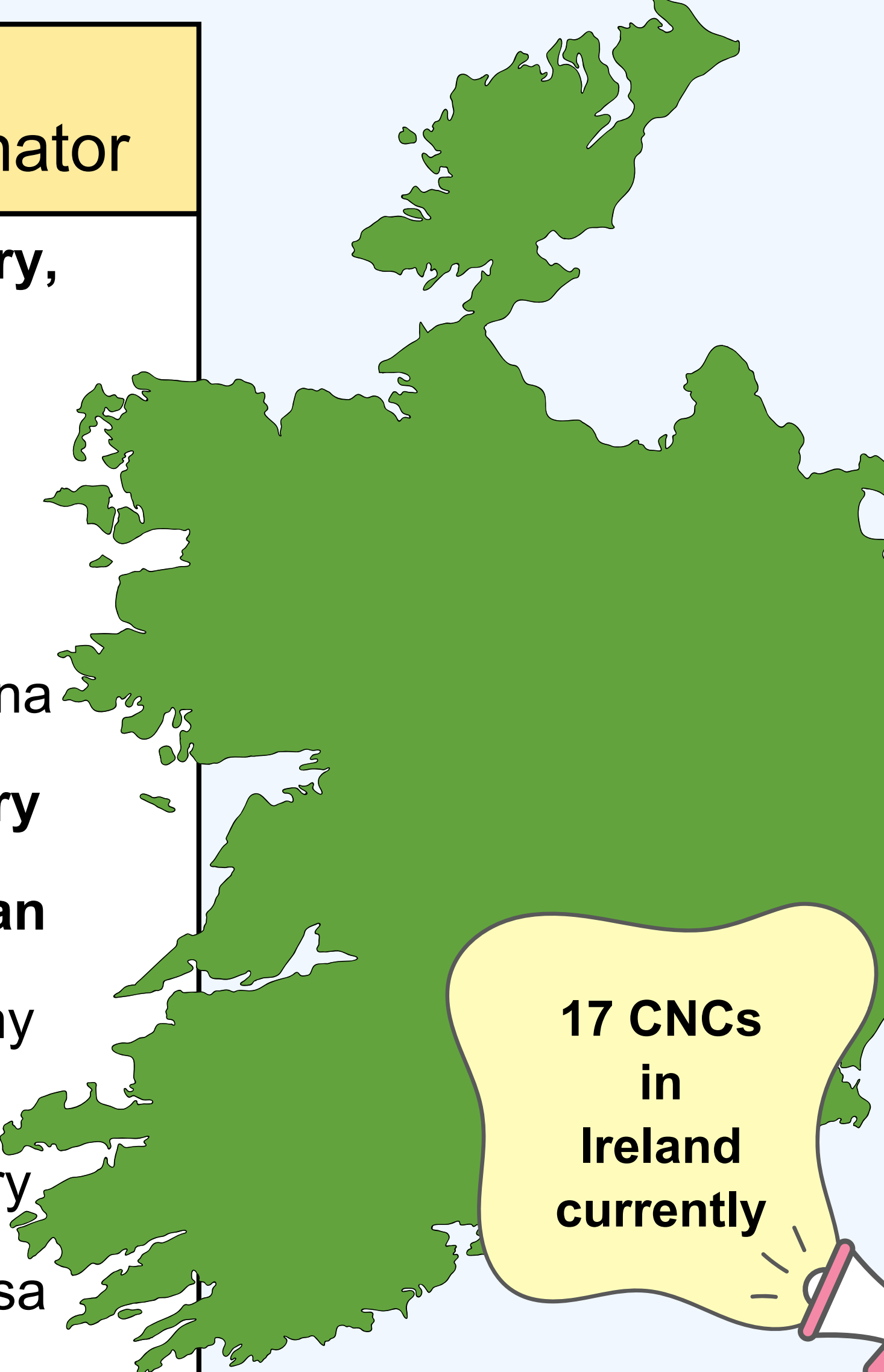


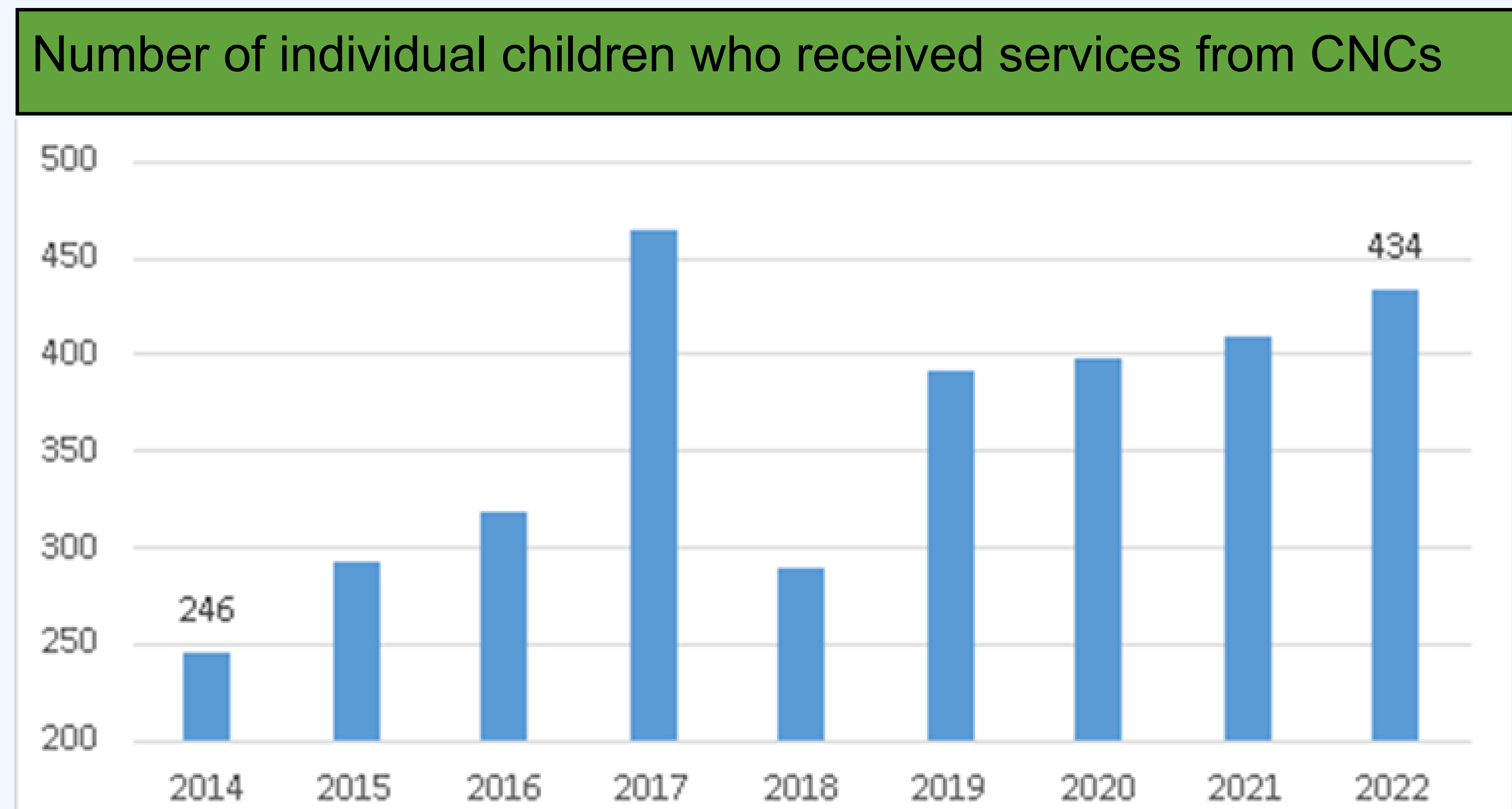
The Role of the Clinical Nurse Coordinator for Children with Life Limiting Conditions (CNC)

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What do CNCs do?	Partnership in Care
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the co-ordination of care for children with LLC alongside healthcare professionals in acute and community setting ensuring continued care • Facilitate education and training for HCPs • Act as an informed resource for families & other health care professionals • Link with GP, PHN, community services and CDNTs, palliative care teams, schools, allied HCPs and voluntary organisations e.g. Jack and Jill, Lauralynn, etc. • Support the collection of data related to children with LLC 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="1103 397 1440 686"> <p><u>Professionals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care team • Specialist palliative care • Paediatric services • CDNTs • Schools • Voluntary org. • Hospice/respite • Nursing agencies </div> <div data-bbox="1461 438 1763 697">  </div> <div data-bbox="1806 397 2022 542"> <p><u>Families:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/carers • Child • Siblings </div> </div>

Who can be referred and how?
<p>A child who meets the CNC referral criteria can be referred by any health care professional. The person making the referral must have discussed referral with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents & Child • Consultant <p>Please note: Children are linked depending on geographical location, not their hospital.</p> 

Identification of CNC Referral Pathway	Referral Criteria	Location and Catchment of Each Clinical Nurse Coordinator
<p>Informal contact with CNC</p> <p>If appropriate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A form will be completed 2. Consultant approval 3. Referral accepted & CNC involvement commences <p>If not appropriate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May be reviewed at a later date 	<p>A referral may be made to the clinical nurse co-ordinator for identified children (0-18 yrs) with a diagnosis of an ACT category life limiting condition and who are under the care of a paediatrician, particularly those with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly diagnosed life limiting condition with anticipated poor outcomes • Deteriorating clinical condition • Discussions of resuscitation status and advance care planning are being considered 	<p>Carlow/Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford - Laura Flaherty & Liane Murphy Cork - Tyrone Horne Donegal - Helen McDaid Galway - Nancy McCormack Kerry - Karen Lovett Lois, Offaly, Westmeath & Longford - Sinead Brennan & Fiona Corr Limerick, Clare & North Tipperary - Charlotte Evans Louth, Meath, Cavan & Monaghan - Irene O'Brien & Louise Hughes Mayo & Roscommon - Tina Kenny North Dublin - Alison Cashell & Jean Fitzsimons Sligo & Leitrim - Caroline McGarry South Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow - Michelle Cunniffe, Louisa Hall and Regina Dolan</p> 



“ As professionals the difference that we can make is not in the outcome but in the process of how the child and family live, often for many years, how the child dies, and how the family continue to live. ”

 (Pfund, 2006)

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