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**PQ 16243/19** –To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for persons with dyspraxia for occupational therapy services in Dublin 15, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – *Jack Chambers*

Dear Deputy Chambers,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Occupational Therapy services work with individuals with disabilities, illness or injury to help them maintain or achieve independence in their daily living tasks. Occupational Therapy referrals for Adults are assessed and prioritised into three categories: Priority 1, 2 & 3. Referrals for children are prioritised by date of referral.

There is no specific Primary Care Occupational Therapy Service for people with Dyspraxia (Developmental Co-ordination Disorder) in the Dublin 15 area. Occupational Therapy may be offered to children who have been diagnosed with the condition but it would form part of the standard referral pathway. For all children under the age of 13 years, referrals to Occupational Therapy in the Dublin 15 area have a wait time of approximately 30 months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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