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Ms Margaret Murphy O'Mahony T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 32893/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the emergency residential placement list in disability services in CHO8 -Margaret Murphy O'Mahony

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

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 outline the position as follows.

I can confirm that the number of children on the Disability Supports Application Management Tool (DSAMT) awaiting a residential placement in CHO8 is currently zero.

TUSLA is the statutory body with responsibility for taking children into care and that the HSE whilst aware of families seeking residential for their children has no legal framework from which to place children in residential care.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
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