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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2

PQ 12817/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with ASD in Dublin 12
-Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dear Deputy

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.

The two disability databases currently in use by the HSE (the intellectual and physical & sensory databases) are being merged into the new National Ability & Supports System (NAAS). The NASS is being set up at present with training being provided to the various Agencies involved.

Historically the diagnosis ASD could not be recorded as a primary diagnosis (only as a secondary) on the two databases above so there was no facility to accurately record the numbers across the country. Therefore it is not currently possible to provide the figures which you request in your question.

The Health Research Board is aiming to have the new NASS system rolled out in the next few months.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Cuffe', written over a horizontal line.

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