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**“To ask the Minister for Health the services available for children diagnosed with autism in County Kerry; if these services are continuous for each child in view of the fact that children in the county are only receiving a small number of appointments to the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Services for children with a disability are provided by the Kerry Intervention & Disability Services teams (KIDS) teams in the Kerry area. The KIDS teams deliver their service based on the needs of individual children, there are no generic services based on diagnosis of autism. The service provided is a bespoke service based on the needs of the specific child at the specific point in time. The teams deliver services to children from the ages of 0-18 years of age.

When a child receives a diagnosis of disability, including a diagnosis of autism, intervention is delivered through a tiered level of support, namely, universal interventions, targeted interventions and direct interventions as identified through the child's Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP). This plan evolves from discussions between the child's parents and the relevant clinicians. The KIDs team will meet with the family post diagnosis, together with the relevant clinicians they will develop a plan and series of goals for the child who has received the diagnosis. The interventions required to support this child to achieve the identified goals evolve from this IFSP plan. There are currently no waitlists for intervention in the Kerry services.

This model of care is per the Progressing Disability Services Model, more information is available at [www.hse.ie/childdisability](http://www.hse.ie/childdisability).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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