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Deputy Martin Heydon Dail Eireann Dublin 2

PQ 20903/19

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the delays for children on waiting lists for assessments and services with the South Kildare NDT; the steps being taken to reduce these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Martin Heydon

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 South Kildare Network Disability Team (NDT) is for children aged 0 - 18 years who present with complex developmental needs. Supports provided for a child or family will be determined by their individual needs.

In the past 12 months the Team has been unable to operate at full capacity with existing resources as there have been a number of vacant posts on the Team due to maternity leave, sick leave and resignations. There are also a number of Psychologist posts doing 60 day placements.

Increased demands for services outweigh the current resources available. The situation has been highlighted and there is a waiting list for services.

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

Carol Cuffe

Head of Social Care Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare