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Mr. Thomas Broughan, TD,
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Re: 24351 PQ 49552/19

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases tabled to be taken by the early intervention team at Coolock primary care centre in 2020; if this is a reduced number of cases than previously tabled: and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that in 2019 the Early Intervention Team (EIT) in Coolock Primary Care Centre opened 94 new cases and discharged 100 children. It is anticipated that in the range of 90 to 100 children will be taken on by the EIT in 2020, however it is not possible to predict exactly the number of cases that will be opened, as this is influenced by a number of factors, including the level of complexity in the needs of children currently open to the Team and the availability of staff. The age range of the children also impacts on onward referral pathways and thus the potential for discharge of children from the EIT.

The above influencing factors change on an on-going basis throughout a calendar year however it is anticipated that another 20 cases will be taken on early in quarter one 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mairead Lyons
Head of Service - Social Care