

21<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Mr Brendan Smith TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ ref 43991/20 - DSPQ20065(3) - AON Waiting List Cavan and Monaghan**

*Details: To ask the Minister for Health the number on waiting lists for assessment of need in counties Cavan and Monaghan to date; the proposals to reduce the waiting lists and provide more timely appointments for children in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Brendan Smith*

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the number on waiting lists for Assessment of Need in counties Cavan and Monaghan to date and the proposals to reduce the waiting lists and provide more timely appointments for children in 2021. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

The Disability Manager for Children's Disability Network Teams CHO1 has advised that as of the 30th November 2020, the following was noted in relation to the Assessment of Need in Cavan Monaghan:

- 18 complete applications received
- There were no applications overdue to start stage 2
- 10 Assessment reports issued to the Liaison Officers
- 1 report sent directly to applicant
- 65 Applications overdue for completion

Teams are working extensively to complete assessments under the Assessment of Need in a timely manner. There is currently an Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy waiting list initiative taking place which will assist with reduction in waiting times and allow for further assessment and intervention. The Assessment of Need funding scheme is drawing to a close on 31st December 2020 and this will have reduced the number of children waiting since end of January 2020. Under Progressing Disability Services the Children's Disability Network Managers are in post and the Services have commenced the reconfiguration of the teams across Children's Paediatric Services (Disability & Primary Care) and this will help to reduce waiting times.

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

Yours sincerely,



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**Edel Quinn**  
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**Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas**  
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