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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism living in Dublin 2, 4, 6, 6W and 8”.
-Chris Andrews

Dear Deputy Andrews

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE do not have a definitive register of people with autism. The statistics below are only an estimate based on the quarterly management reports statistics.

Nationally, of those who are deemed to have a disability, the rate of ASD diagnosis is 26-45%. The average is 34% of those applications to Assessment of Need (AON) who have been deemed to have a disability will receive an ASD Diagnosis.

In applying this to Dublin South City (2017-2019)

2017: 150 applications

2018: 66 applications

2019: 70 applications

The average percentage of children who receive a determination of "disability" is 66%. Of these, 34% will receive an ASD diagnosis. Applying this the ASD diagnostic rate for Dublin South City is as follows:

2017: 34 children

2018: 15 children

2019: 16 children

These statistics will not provide information about the number of children "living" with ASD and is limited by those who have made applications and are determined, following assessment, to have a "disability" as defined within the Act. Fundamentally not all children living with ASD have a disability.

I trust this information may be of use to you.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Jacob".

Deborah Jacob
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