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**Re: 26737 PQ ref 18670/20 -**

'To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time for a disability assessment to be carried out; and the number of persons with disabilities in the Dublin 15 area awaiting a decision to be granted hours for a personal assistance service - Paul Donnelly'

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

The average length of time for a disability assessment to be carried out by the Irish Wheelchair Association is 3-4 weeks. The IWA is the only publically funded organisation the HSE contracts to carry out a "personal assistance service" in the Dublin 15 Area. This is for is an assessment based on needs. Persons may be prioritised for assessments based on the needs of an application. Waiting time has not been adversely affected by Covid-19. Data on the number of persons with disabilities in the Dublin 15 area specifically awaiting a decision for a personal assistance service is not available.

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

Yours sincerely,

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