



11th March 2020.

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Re: PQ 2824/20

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children offered an outsourced assessment by Galway and Roscommon ASD in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte

I refer to PQ 2824/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 3rd March 2020 and due for response on the 18th March 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children offered an outsourced assessment by Galway and Roscommon ASD in each of the years 2017 to 2019 and to date in 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I wish to advise that in response to the long waiting times experienced by children and families, a Waiting List Initiative was established in 2017 offering support to children and families on the Assessment and Intervention Waiting Lists. Over 300 children have benefitted from this initiative to date and the wait time experienced by children and families has reduced from 2½ years to approximately 13 months

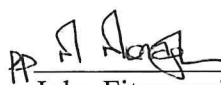
Listed below in tabular format outsourced diagnostic assessments that have been offered to date:-

Year	Number of offers for Diagnostic Assessment
2017	0
2018	47
2019	90
2020	20

HSE Community Healthcare West is committed to continue with this support and the Waiting List Initiative will continue throughout 2020. The Galway Roscommon ASD Service deeply regrets the delay experienced by children and their families and acknowledges the difficulties experienced and continues to address the situation within the resources allocated to the service.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely


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