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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore Dáil Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 30991/20

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €2 million allocated to County Wicklow as publicly announced from the €7.8 million in funding provided to address waiting times for children awaiting assessments of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter." -Jennifer Whitmore.

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Community Healthcare East (incorporating County Wicklow) received a provisional allocation of € 0.350m towards addressing the backlog of Assessments (under the Disability Act) which are reported as delayed at stage 2. The total no reflected in the CHE plan to be addressed by January 2021 is 257. The HSE has engaged with statutory, voluntary sectors and for profit partners in order to address this backlog. The plan is being implemented in a challenging environment where there is a requirement for ensuring the health and safety of servicer users and staff by implementing Management protocols for Covid-19, and the further pressures associated with the management of the current pandemic. This matter is being monitored on a continuous basis and remains a priority for the Chief Officer.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you but should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sinceraly,

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Head of Service, Social Care