

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Mr Brendan Smith T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 22331/20**

Details

*To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be implemented to reduce the waiting times in relation to assessment of needs in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*  
- Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Department of Health has approved once off national funding to eliminate the backlog of children awaiting assessment under Part 2 of the Disability Act. *CHO1 has been allocated €214,000 and has a waiting list of 138 children, 91 of which are from the Cavan Monaghan area.* This national funding has been provided on the understanding that all assessment of needs overdue at 30th June 2020 will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and will be achieved by increasing the capacity of HSE therapy services and the procurement of private practitioner assessments.

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**  
**Head of Service Disability CHO1**