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Patricia Ryan, TD  
Houses of the Oireachtas  
Leinster House, Kildare St  
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Re: PQ 22699/20

**“To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the backlog in the number of persons awaiting a needs assessment for more than 12 months in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

- **Patricia Ryan, TD**

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Dear Deputy Ryan,

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

At present the HSE are implementing a plan that redirects significant resources to the Assessment of Need (AON) process in Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow. The plan aims to address the backlog and deliver assessments to each child as quickly as possible. There are 18 teams in situ with fundamental components of Psychology; SLT & OT enabling assessments to be completed with a 12-16 weeks completion timeframe.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Deborah Jacob

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