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“To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position on waiting lists in the CH07 area are for assessment of need; the breakdown if available per county; the number of staff employed in the assessments; if there are any staff vacancies; the type of vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- **Duncan Smith**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 18828/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

We are making significant progress with completion of our overdue Assessments of Need. We have completed 782 diagnostic Assessments of Need and are on target to have scheduled and assessed all outstanding diagnostic assessments by the week starting 31st May 2021.

Additionally we have received 1088 Assessment of Need applications requiring a Preliminary Team Assessment (790 from Dublin; 298 from Kildare and West Wicklow). We have recently commenced these assessments and have completed 75 to date. We expect to have completed all overdue Preliminary Team Assessments by 25th June 2021.

We currently have 37 clinicians working on our dedicated AON diagnostic and Preliminary Team Assessment clinical teams. These 37 clinicians are made up of a mix from additionally resourced temporary agency staff members and clinicians that are part of our Disability Services in both the HSE and HSE-funded organisations.

As such we don't have any vacancies on our AON and PTA Project as there has been fluidity to the staffing of this project over time although there would be some vacancies in our Disability Services. In addition to this, PTAs are being conducted by clinicians working outside of our project i.e. remaining in Disability Teams, whether that be HSE or HSE-funded services. These clinicians continue to conduct PTAs in conjunction with delivering intervention for children accessing our services.

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

Yours sincerely,

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