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PQ 20250/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve waiting times for speech and language assessments in north Dublin CHO 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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.

In Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC), waiting times for the Speech and Language service in North Dublin was impacted in 2020 by factors including Covid-19 restrictions, impact on primary care clinics due to redeployment of Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) staff and vacancies.

Since the reopening of clinics and the introduction of telehealth appointments in our service, the SLT service is actively working to reduce these waiting times for initial assessment further. With the development of Enhanced Community Care Networks to include extra SLT staff, it is hoped that once recruited this will have a further positive impact on waiting lists.

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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