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Deputy Alan Kelly T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
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**Re: PQ 24633/21**

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Sligo on the waiting list for an autism assessment".

Dear Deputy Kelly

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.

On review of the situation I can confirm that there are currently 74 children aged 2 – 18 years awaiting an autism diagnostic assessment in Sligo County.

Of the 74 children and young people there are 16 children under 6 years and 58 aged 6-18 years.

Referrals for autism assessment are screened on a monthly basis by a Referrals Committee and if appropriate are placed on a waiting list for comprehensive diagnostic assessment. Autism diagnostic assessments continue to be completed on an ongoing monthly basis within Disability Services. To date this year 50 diagnostic assessments have been completed, with a number of these assessments having been outsourced to a contracted Private Provider.

I would be happy to provide any further information, should you wish.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written over a horizontal line.

**Edel Quinn**  
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