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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Questions – 56544/21 & 62779/21

Q1: To clarify if Assessments of Need are being carried out in the Spraoi Centre, Portlaoise, the number carried out to date this year, along with the longest waiting time and numbers on the waiting list?

Q2: To clarify if Psychologist Assessments are being done in the Spraoi Centre, Portlaoise, the numbers carried out to date this year, along with the longest waiting time and numbers on the waiting list?

Dear Deputy Stanley

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply 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 I outline the position as follows.

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (MLM CHO) can confirm that Assessments of Need under the Disability Act 2005 have been completed in the Spraoi Centre, with 476 reports issued to date in 2021. There is no waiting list in operation within Assessment of Need.

Assessments taking place within the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) will be provided by the appropriate team member to support the needs and priorities identified by children and families. A significant piece of work has taken place this year to address the children and young people who have been waiting for a diagnosis of Autism. Under this initiative, the HSE has provided approximately 125 psychological assessments in 2021.

The Progressing Disability Services model is an interdisciplinary model and as such waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs

The two (2) teams are currently undertaking a review of all the services and at this present time there are 850 children registered with the Spraoi CDNT Network 12 and 300 children from Laois registered with the Barrow CDNT Network 11.



I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Flynn
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