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**Seán Crowe TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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**Ref: PQ 48158/21**

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the CHO7 area awaiting a special needs assessment.”

- **Seán Crowe TD**

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**Dear Deputy Crowe,**

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding the above matter. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The term “Special Needs Assessment” is not a term that is used within the HSE Dublin South Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare Organisation. We do however, carry out “Assessment of Needs” and perhaps it is this that you are referring to. If this is so, we currently have 399 children waiting to be referred to the Assessment of Needs process.

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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