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Re: PQ ref 49514/21 - Number of AONs undertaken 2016-2020 in Dublin 1,3,7 and 9 etc

‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of need that have been undertaken for children aged 18 years and under in Dublin 1, 3, 7 and 9 in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the number of these children who have been successfully referred to and engaged with the recommended services following assessment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.’

Dear Deputy McDonald,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) completed approximately 1,381 Assessments of Need (AONs) from September 2020 to September 2021. This refers to AONs across the entire area. Data regarding AONs is compiled via a national database system and collates the information from CHO DNCC based on referrals from Dublin North, Dublin North Central and Dublin North West. The address areas to which your query refers is based mainly in Dublin North Central and the Dublin 9 area is based in Dublin North West.

Of the 1,381 AONs referred above,

- 93 were completed in Dublin North Central
- 511 were completed in Dublin North West some of which refer to Dublin 9
- There are 47 AONs as of 01st October 2021 in process across Dublin North Central
- There are 164 AONs as of 01st October 2021 in process across Dublin North West

The current AON process is manual and unfortunately does not allow for the collation of the required data and therefore we are not in a position to provide this information. However it is most likely referrals were processed to Disability Services Children’s Disability Network Teams, Primary Care Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services or other therapeutic services funded by the HSE e.g. Jigsaw, Pieta House, Parenting Support Programmes among others.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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