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PQ Ref 49515/21 – Number of AON completed and number engaged with services

‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of need that have been completed for children aged 18 years and under in Dublin 1, 3, 7 and 9 in 2021; and the number who have been successfully referred to and are now engaged with the recommended services following assessment.’

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 1,033 Assessments of Need (AONs) from January 2021 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.

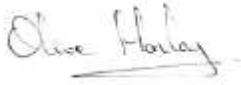
Of the 1,033 AONs referred above,

- 65 were completed in Dublin North Central
- 384 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 some of which encompass Dublin 9.
- 42 Service Statements were issued in Dublin North Central to parents and children and relevant referrals recommended.
- 441 Service Statements were issued to parents and children and relevant referrals recommended in Dublin North West some of which encompass Dublin 9.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olive Hanley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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