



18th November 2021

Deputy Brendan Smith
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ ref 50611/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health Office area in CHO1; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Smith

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.

The number of children awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2001 in each area in CHO1 at the end of June 2020 is as follows:

Area	Number of children awaiting assessment as of June 2020
Cavan Monaghan	90
Donegal	33
Sligo Leitrim	10

The number of children awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2001 in each area in CHO1 at the end of October 2021 is as follows:

Area	Number of children awaiting assessment as of October 2021
Cavan Monaghan	2
Donegal	2
Sligo Leitrim	0

National funding of €214,000 was allocated by Minister Rabbitte in September 2020 to CHO1 to clear the backlog of Assessment of Needs and to ensure there was zero overdue

assessments. I can confirm that as of 31st December 2020 the backlog of overdue assessments were complete and zero was the total of children awaiting assessments on 31st December 2020.

I trust that this is of assistance but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely



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