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**PQ 42165/21 - – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an Occupational Therapist assessment in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County**

Dear Deputy Mitchell,

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

Number of Children awaiting Occupational Therapy Assessment in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County	3,028
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Under the Enhanced Community Care Programme Dublin North City and County is benefitting from additional therapy resources which includes Occupational Therapy at a basic and senior grade level. Enhanced Community Care aims to deliver a health and social care service that meets the needs of our population and its core objective is to shift the majority of care from the acute to the community setting to bring care closer to home for service users. This will help reduce waiting lists and waiting times and ultimately improve population health by delivering a service that offers the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

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

Yours sincerely



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