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PQ 43349/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists based in the Coolock area of Dublin and who are available to provide services for children with dyspraxia; the catchment area that is served by Coolock; if all physiotherapy posts for this area are currently filled; the current waiting times for children to receive physiotherapy services for dyspraxia in this catchment area; the way it compares with services in other parts of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. **Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD**

Dear Deputy Ó Ríordáin,

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.

Under the Enhanced Community Care Programme, Dublin North City and County is benefiting from significant additional therapy resources which includes physiotherapy at a basic and senior grade level. Posts are focused on areas of greatest need. The Enhanced Community Care Programme aims to deliver a health and social care service that meets the needs of our population and its core objective is to move care from the acute to the community setting, wherever appropriate, bringing care closer to home for service users. This will help reduce waiting lists and waiting times.

Currently there is one physiotherapist working 0.5 WTE based in the Coolock Primary Care Centre who is covering all children's physiotherapy referrals in the Coolock, Kilbarrack and Coastal Area Networks.

Three Enhanced Community Care Senior Physiotherapy posts have been allocated to Paediatrics and 2.5 WTE of these posts have been allocated to cover the Coolock, Kilbarrack and Coastal Networks to bring the resource to 1 WTE per Network. Recruitment for these roles is currently underway.

Waiting times in the catchment including Coolock is 153 weeks for the 5 - 18 year olds and 112 weeks for the 0 - 5 year olds. At the end of August there were 201 children waiting for a service for the Coolock Kilbarrack and Coastal Area Networks.

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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