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PQ 43545/21

To ask the Minister for Health if delays to developmental checks for young children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny will be addressed; when these developmental checks by public health nurses will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

The Public Health Nursing Department for Carlow and Kilkenny are in the process of clearing backlogs for child health developmental assessments, schools immunisation programmes and schools screening. All children with clinical needs receive a service as required from the Public Health Nursing Department.

Please be assured that the HSE Public Health Nursing Department monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeanne Hendrick'.

Jeanne Hendrick
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