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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 18130/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with Down's Syndrome in counties Longford and Westmeath, that are currently waiting on speech and language therapy; and the length of waiting time by provision centre

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 I outline the position as follows.

Services for all children with a diagnosis of Down's syndrome are provided through the Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's).

Waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines nor per diagnosis as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs. There will be one multi-disciplinary team which will provide a more integrated model of service delivery.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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