



Oifig an Príomhoifigeach  
Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,  
An Lú, An Mhí

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte,  
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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,  
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Leinster House,  
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**Re: Reopened Parliamentary Question – 18132/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with Down's Syndrome in counties Longford and Westmeath, who's in person speech and language therapy session was delivered via online or telephone in 2019,2020,2021 and to date in 2022.**

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (MLM CHO) are unable to provide the numbers of children with a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome in receipt of Speech & Language Therapy sessions delivered via online or telephone.

This activity in respect of therapies such as Speech & Language Therapy is based on caseload and not per diagnosis.

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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