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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 20471/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to develop an integrated assessment of need tracing system for children and adults as contained within the HSE Service Plan 2022; the timeframe for this system to be developed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**HSE Response**

**Integrated assessment of need tracing system**

The assessment of need tracing system will be utilised nationally to ensure assessment of need is provided in line with the HSE's requirements under the Disability Act 2005 and SI 263/2007 Regulations.

Part 2 of the Disability Act 2005 introduced a system for the assessment of individual health service and education needs for persons with disabilities and in particular provides that on application, the HSE carries out an Assessment of Need and then issues a Service Statement setting out services it is proposed to provide.

In accordance with section 9(5) of the Disability Act 2005 and Regulation 10 of the Disability (Assessment of Need, Services Statements and Redress) regulations 2007, on receipt of an application, an Assessment of Need must have been commenced within three months and must be completed within a further three months.

When the HSE's Assessment Officer has completed the report, and it has been determined the applicant has a disability and the provision of health services are appropriate, a service Statement is completed within one month of receipt of the Assessment of Need Report.

The integrated assessment of need tracing system will facilitate the delivery of the steps detailed above

A contract has now been signed with a vendor for the development, testing, training and rollout of an integrated assessment of need tracing system for children and adults. This development is scheduled for



completion in December 2022, with rollout in Q1 2023. The budget for the development, testing, training and rollout of the system is: €129,365

Yours Sincerely,

*Bernard O'Regan*

**Mr Bernard O'Regan,  
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