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To ask the Minister for Health if the children's disability network teams in Swords and Balbriggan, County Dublin have a process to identify duplicate referrals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In order to identify duplicate referrals, the Swords and Balbriggan Children's Network Teams operate the following procedures in line with local policy:

- New referrals are validated against the current database to identify any duplication
- Referrers are contacted via letter and advised that the client is on the relevant waitlist
- The original date of referral to the waitlist is still honoured and the new referral information is reviewed for any urgent changes and added to the waitlist.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Jillian Connolly
Acting Head of Service for Disability