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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

#### **PQ 36921/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health if a child who has received an assessment report under the Disability Act 2005 is entitled to a review of that assessment on an annual basis.*

#### **HSE Response**

##### **Assessment of Need**

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 be commenced within three months and must be completed within a further three months.

The Assessment of Need must set out the following, without any reference to resources or practicability of providing services:-

1. Whether the applicant has a disability
2. In cases where the applicant is determined to have a disability,
  - i. A statement of the nature and extent of the disability
  - ii. A statement of the health and education needs (if any) occasioned to the person by the disability
  - iii. A statement of the services considered appropriate to meet the needs of the applicant and the period of time ideally required by the person or persons for the provision of those services and the order of such provision
  - iv. A statement of the period within which review of the assessment should be carried out - as per 2007 Regulations this review date must be no later than 12 months from the date of issuing the Assessment of Need report.


Once the Assessment Officer has completed the report, and it has been determined the applicant has a disability and the provision of health services and/or education services are appropriate, the report is sent forward to a Liaison Officer who prepares a Service Statement.



The requirements detailed in section 2 apply when the person is determined to have a disability as defined by the legislation.

The HSE remains committed to the delivery of appropriate services for children with disabilities and will work with families and staff to develop services that meet their needs. Of note, children do not require an Assessment of Need to access health services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard O'Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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