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Seán Crowe TD  
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Ref: PQ 41283/22

Re: *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the CHO7 area awaiting an assessment of need by category of assessment in tabular form”*

- Seán Crowe TD

Dear Deputy Crowe

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the Assessment of Need office to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

Below is the Assessment of Need detail by category of assessment:

Detail	Applications received	Requiring Multi disciplinary Assessments	Requiring Uni Assessment	No further assessment required	Currently being reviewed
Total applications received January 2020 to 31st July 2022	3211	1183	294	518	1216
Less Assessments in progress	-125	-115	-10		
<b>Total to complete</b>	<b>3086</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>1216</b>

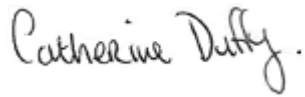
The Assessment of Need Office has completed a review of all Assessment of Need applications received since 15/01/2020 which may have been affected by the High Court ruling in March 2022. The purpose of this review is to identify requirements for additional clinical assessment under Assessment of Need for each child. If any child requires additional clinical assessment these will be provided based their needs identified in the Assessment of Need process.

The HSE are currently putting assessment teams/resources in place and all recruitment options are being explored including domestic, UK and overseas recruitment to add additional resource to complete outstanding assessments.

I hope this answers your query, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Deborah Jacob

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