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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 questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

PQ 33336/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism and special needs who have been referred to an organisation (details supplied) for an assessment for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 33337/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism and special needs who have been referred to an organisation (details supplied) for an assessment for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of children for whom an assessment has been initiated; the number of children for whom an assessment has been concluded, broken down by CHO and children's disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 33338/22

To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) for the carrying out of assessments and for the provision of other services to children with disabilities on children's disability network team waiting lists in each CHO for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: TTM Healthcare

HSE Response

Children with disabilities access a range of health and social care services. The appropriate service is identified based on their presenting needs and may be through Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs), Primary Care, or Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Diagnostic assessments for children with disabilities, particularly ASD assessments, are in the main lengthy multidisciplinary assessments that include a number of components such as parent interviews, school observations and standardised assessments. The numbers of children requiring ASD assessment is very high and the impact of COVID-19 has also had an effect on waiting lists.



Furthermore, school closures and COVID-19 restrictions have impacted on the capacity of services to undertake school observations, parent interviews etc.

TTM (Talk To Me) Healthcare Limited is part of TTM Group that also includes Resilience Limited, Just Specialist Recruitment Limited, TTM Healthcare Deutschland GMBH and TTM Healthcare Poland SP.

It is a private for profit organisation providing recruitment services and agency staff. On occasion their services are utilised to secure staff for HSE teams. TTM Group provides Community Care and Social Care to clients and service users through Resilience. Resilience provides services across Ireland with their Social Care services supporting people with disabilities in residential, shared care, outreach and day service settings.

The HSE has Service Arrangements with Resilience Healthcare for the provision of services including Disability services and services in Primary Care. In 2022, Resilience Healthcare is being funded €22,828,060 via the Disability and Primary Care sectors.

On occasion and in line with appropriate procurement procedures, Garda vetting and due diligence practice, private providers have been contracted to provide assessments and / or interventions. In such instances, the HSE ensures that the contracted providers are appropriately qualified and that any assessments or interventions are provided in line with the appropriate standards.

It is not possible to extract information regarding the number of children with disabilities who have been referred to and assessed by staff from TTM /Resilience Healthcare.

Yours sincerely



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