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“To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the HSE has completed the process of assessing children registered with Western Care that have been transferred over to the direction and management of the children's network managers in County Mayo; the outcomes that have been identified as part of this assessment; the service requirements that have been identified for the three children's disability network teams in County Mayo; the additional resources that are needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ/16111/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 25th March 2022 and due for response on the 11th April 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning the extent to which the HSE has completed the process of assessing children registered with Western Care that have been transferred over to the direction and management of the children's network managers in County Mayo; the outcomes that have been identified as part of this assessment; the service requirements that have been identified for the three children's disability network teams in County Mayo; the additional resources that are needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ/16111/22. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that under PDS reconfiguration, every child or young person who was involved with WCA and gave consent had their information transferred to the HSE and was adjudicated using the National Access criteria for Children's Services. This process has been completed.

All outcomes have been identified for children and young people who consented to the process. This is imminently in the process of being communicated this week by Western Care and the HSE in a co-ordinated manner to ensure all families are communicated to in a timely manner.

The service requirements and additional resources that are needed that have been identified for the three Children's Disability Network Teams in County Mayo are staffing, accommodation and training. Recruitment is ongoing but particularly challenging due to unprecedented shortages in personnel in the allied health professional sector.

I trust that this response has clarified the matters that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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