

22nd November 2022

Ms. Neasa Hourigan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 54885/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were deemed non-complex and transferred to primary care as part of the progressing disability services for children and young people programme in CHO4; the number of these children who had received 1:1 therapeutic intervention prior to being transferred and the number of these children who had never received in-person therapeutic intervention prior to being transferred."

PQ 54886/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities, including neuro divergent children, who are under care or are awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CHO4; the number of these children that are receiving in-person 1:1 therapy; and the number who are receiving in person group therapy."

PQ 54887/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours per discipline that are required by the caseload in respect to children with disabilities, including neuro divergent children, under care or awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CHO4; and the number that are being delivered."

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care can confirm that 1220 children were transferred from the voluntary agencies as part of the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People programme in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH). Primary care has maintained a record of interventions as provided to children post transfer.

The breakdown of services requested for the children transferred is as follows:-

Service	No of children requesting
Occupational therapy	792
Physiotherapy	183
Psychology	577
Speech and Language	789
Social Work	17
Autism Diagnostic Assessment	26

Primary Care sees children with disability non-complex needs, waiting lists are not typically maintained according to specific diagnosis or diagnostic cohort as might be categorised as neuro-divergent. An exception to same is numbers waiting for autism diagnostic assessment of which there are 1209 children waiting at present. Of the 1209 total waiting on an Autism assessment 3 children are from the group transferred from the Disability Teams in April 2021.

Primary Care has focused the initial intervention emphasis for children with autism on parent support programmes. One to one interventions are embedded to main stream services as appropriate and this is not separately tracked. Primary care is involved in ongoing development of pathways to respond to childrens needs

Primary care with exception of bespoke diagnostic pathways sees all children based on needs and does not record of interventions by way of diagnostic cohorts and cannot accordingly provide the data set in the format as requested.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Priscilla Lynch,
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