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Deputy Violet Anne Wynne, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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Re: PQ/55871/22

To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that each of the children referred and waiting to be seen by Clare Children's Disability Network Team is waiting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Wynne

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please find attached Excel spreadsheet which lists how long each client is waiting in days.

I regret that there is a waiting period for access to the Clare Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT). The HSE are aware that there is a staffing resource challenge across all teams within the Midwest as caseloads have risen significantly over the past 10 years and the Midwest Community Healthcare is continuously highlighting this need with submissions for additional resources. The HSE also review resources on a regular basis to allocate any available additional funding to priority areas. The Clare CDNT continues to monitor the waiting times and availability of supports, and continues to seek additional resources accordingly.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ethna McTeague General Manager

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