

15th December 2022

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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Re: PQ 58843/22

To ask the Minister for Health if funding is in place for children's non-complex needs ASD assessments through the children's disability network service at St. Davnet's Complex in Rooskey, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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.

A Joint Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Waiting List Initiative, funded by Primary Care and Disability Services, was undertaken in the Cavan/Monaghan area. The objective of the initiative was to efficiently complete the ASD Assessments of those children and young people who had been waiting the longest for their assessments. Children and young people with complex and non-complex needs benefitted from this initiative. The funding for this initiative is now exhausted.

From December 2022 following this initiative, Primary Care and Disability Services hold separate ASD Assessment Waiting Lists. Children who have complex needs and meet the criteria for Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) will be assessed by the CDNTs, in Disability Services. Children with non-complex needs who require ASD Assessments will not have their ASD assessment carried out via the Children's Disability Network Team at St. Davnet's Complex, Monaghan, as their assessments fall under the remit of Primary Care Services. Primary Care Services are now developing a process for children with non complex needs requiring ASD assessment in the Cavan Monaghan area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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