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Ref: PQ 48467/22

***“To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are approximately 600 children waiting on disability services in the Tallaght area (details supplied); if he will take all the necessary steps to reduce this wait time; and if he will ensure the long-term improvement of these services by filling the need for more staff and college places to allow more qualified therapists to work in the service.”***

- Paul Murphy TD

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to your above referenced PQ which the Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Since the reconfiguration of children’s disability services in September 2021, the CDNTs have been working hard to establish and provide equitable access to their service. The demands for the service of the CDNT to meet the intervention needs of the child population are significantly greater than the resources available. The Health Minister will be aware of the issues in relation to staff retention and recruitment in this area and the additional demands for time legislated assessments under the Disability Act (2005).

This CHO is currently establishing Family Forums for each CDNT in the area. The Family Forums will facilitate families to have representation on the CDNT Governance Group and an active voice at a CDNT level.

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

Yours sincerely,

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