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**PQ 47536/22** *"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for an assessment of Need in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter."* **Alan Farrell TD**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) North County Dublin wish to advise there are currently 513 children at the Stage 1 process for an Assessment of Need. The Stage 1 Assessment is the Assessment of the application by the Assessment Officer (AO). This is generally a desktop assessment, by the AO, of the information provided by the applicant. However, it may include an interview (telephone or face to face) with the applicant or their family. The purpose of Stage 1 of the Assessment is to determine if the applicant is entitled to an assessment under the Disability Act. In the event that the Assessment Officer deems the application is appropriate they will progress the Application to Stage 2.

There are 439 children that are at the Stage 2 process that have been allocated to a clinical professional for clinical assessment, while 293 await to be allocated to a clinical profession to be clinically assessed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms Olive Hanley**  
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