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

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Re: PQ/19910/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of children on the Clare Children's Disability Network Team waiting list, by length of time, 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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In relation to the waiting list for the Clare Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT), please find attached an Excel Spreadsheet which shows the number of children waiting and how long each child is waiting.

I regret that there is a waiting period for access to all Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) across the Mid-West but unfortunately there are staffing challenges across each CDNT with an ever increasing caseload.

I would like to assure you that all the CDNT's in the Mid-West 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

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