

23rd February, 2023

Ms. Holly Cairns., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 6412/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for pre-application assessment for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in CHO4; the length of time they have been waiting for the pre-application assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide a response to your question as it is framed. In an effort to provide you with a full response, we tried to contact your office on a number of occasions but unfortunately we could not get through. Children in Primary Care do not go on any waiting list for "pre-application assessment" for aids and appliances. Children are waitlisted for assessment of their needs in particular disciplines. Following an assessment, an application for aids and appliances is submitted if indicated.

If you would like to contact our office we can explain how the process works and provide a follow up response thereafter.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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