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PQ 33348/23 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current caseload for Balbriggan CDNT as of 30 June 2023, or the latest available date for which data is compiled; how many children are receiving services; how many children are still on the waiting list; if the list has been validated, and if so, when this was completed."* **Louise O'Reilly, TD**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Balbriggan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) is currently working through all waiting list files to validate and apply the criteria for prioritisation.

This validation is assisting identification of cases where priority can be applied and will help provide parents and families with a clearer timeframe for when services will commence for their child. The first phase will be complete by the end of July 2023. The second phase will commence immediately thereafter, with the expectation that it will be completed by year end. This significant piece of work is dependent on staff resources.

The Balbriggan CDNT are currently working with 305 children on their open and active caseload, with 613 children waiting for services. The numbers on the open and active caseload and those waiting for services are fluid as children's needs change. Approximately five new referrals are received by the CDNT each week. While considerable efforts are underway to recruit and retain staff on the CDNT, the team are experiencing ongoing challenges.

I understand the frustrations experienced by families, we are prioritising communication with families while working through our open and active cases and addressing the waiting list as quickly as possible.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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