



12th July 2023

Mr. Alan Farrell TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children waiting or attending the Waterford south city CDNT have a diagnosis of autism, broken down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children waiting or attending the Dungarvan CDNT have a diagnosis of autism broken, down by the age groups of 0-4, 5-12, and 13-17 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite reply outlines the current position.

Diagnosis of Autism is not routinely recorded on the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) registers/information systems as the CDNT is not a diagnostic lead service. The Parliamentary Questions posed by you in relation to numbers of children waiting or attending Dungarvan CDNT, Waterford South and Waterford North CDNTs with a diagnosis of Autism does not align with the model of service or with the type of data routinely collated and held by the CDNT and therefore cannot be answered in this way.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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