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Mr. Paul Kehoe TD
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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 325 of 1 June 2023, if he will provide a progress update regarding the new primary care area assessment team (PCAAT) in Wexford; if it will be in a position to inform children when they will receive their diagnostic assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

The new Primary Care Autism Assessment Team (PCAAT) covers both counties Waterford and Wexford. It is not possible to provide data specifically for Wexford alone.

Please be advised that the diagnostic assessment process is lengthy due to the complexity of the assessments required to give a diagnosis.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Brophy', written over a horizontal line.

Mairead Brophy
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