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Deputy Seán Crowe,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 35438/23 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the average waiting time for an occupational therapist to make an assessment for a housing adaptation in the CHO7 area.”*

Deputy Seán Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm Occupational Therapy (OT) Housing Adaptation referrals in networks 1-9 are triaged and prioritised according to the information provided on the referral. The current wait time for this service in Networks 1- 9 is approximately 24-29 Months. Service users are advised that they can access a private practitioner from the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI) website to complete an assessment for housing adaptation and the cost of this is refunded by Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council.

In networks 10-14 both Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council engage private OTs for assessment of clients and provision of reports identifying housing needs and recommendation of necessary adaptations. In Kildare and West Wicklow clients are not referred to Primary Care OT for housing adaptations.

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

Yours sincerely,

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