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Mr. Alan Kelly TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 36322/23**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children waiting to attend or attending the Cashel children disability network team that have a diagnosis of autism, broken down by the age groups of 0-4 years, 5-12 years and 13-17 years old.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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 reviewed the matter and the following is 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 Question posed by you in relation to the number of children waiting to attend or attending Cashel CDNT that have a diagnosis of Autism does not align with the model of service or with the type of data the CDNT holds 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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