

4th July, 2023

Mr. David Cullinane, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 29956/23

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of hours, per discipline, required by the caseload in respect to children with disabilities including neuro-divergent children, under care or awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CHO4.”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Primary care provide assessment and intervention for children with non-complex disability and developmental delay. This is inclusive but not restricted to autism and other neurodivergent presentations. Numbers of children seen globally by a discipline can be extrapolated but unfortunately it is not possible to provide a breakdown by hours of input. This would take significant manpower to provide and would not be sure of completeness/accuracy.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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