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"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the average waiting time for development assessment of needs for children who present with signs of delayed development in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ/15280/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 23rd March 2023 and due for response on the 11th April 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth "the average waiting time for development assessment of needs for children who present with signs of delayed development in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that we do not operate waiting lists for Assessment of Need (AON) as applications are processed within the timelines allowed for in the Disability Act. Some assessments are not completed within the statutory timeframe typically because of resource issues in the Children's Disability Network Teams and Primary Care Psychology Service. There may also be clinical reasons for a delay in completing assessment, for example, further assessment required.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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