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"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current waiting time to obtain an assessment of needs in CHO area 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Naughten

I refer to PQ/24959/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 22nd May 2023 and due for response on the 7th June 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "the current waiting time to obtain an assessment of needs in CHO area 2; 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.

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.

There are currently a number of children overdue to start Stage 2 (assessment stage) in CHO2 requiring a Primary Care ASD diagnostic assessment, however, progress has recently been made in establishing a pathway for these children and discussions are ongoing to resolve the situation.

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

Yours sincerely

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