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Mr Alan Farrell TD,
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PQ 46106/23 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children are waiting for their assessment of need in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” Alan Farrell TD*

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The number of children awaiting completion of their Assessment of Need (AON) in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) at the end of September 2023 stands at 3,488. The children awaiting the completion of their AON are at various stages of the process.

The ability to carry out assessments is currently limited to an average of 100 assessments per month. This is due to current resources available both within Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) and assessments sourced through private providers.

CHO DNCC Disability Services in conjunction with all lead agencies in the area continue to try and increase capacity within our CDNTs. There are ongoing local and international recruitment campaigns for all staff grades. Additionally work is ongoing to try and identify any additional capacity for assessments that may be available within the private market.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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