

25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**PQ 39026/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children under the age of 16 years on the disability database in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Naughten

I refer to PQ 39026/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and due for response on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “the number of children under the age of 16 years on the disability database in CHO2; 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.

Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People Programme 0-18 (PDS) is a National HSE change programme for the provision of therapeutic services for children from birth to 18 years of age that aims to transform the way children’s disability services are delivered. Currently, the CDNTs operate on paper based systems so the absence of electronic health records means it is not possible to provide the exact information (0-16 years) requested in PQ 39026/23. When the rollout of the national Management Information System for children’s disability services is complete and fully operational, it will generate value data on service delivery efficiently and inform service planning.

Please see below the latest available caseload data (August 2023) for the 9 Children’s Disability Network Teams in CHW which are the key metrics provided on a monthly basis to the National Disability Children’s and Families Team in Community Operations, HSE.

CDNT 1	CDNT 2	CDNT 3	CDNT 4	CDNT 5	CDNT 6	CDNT 7	CDNT 8	CDNT 9
275	315	248	357	392	721	791	586	779

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

Yours sincerely



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