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Denis Naughten TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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Ref: PQ 39031/23

Re: *“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 CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

- Denis Naughten TD

Dear Deputy Naughten,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

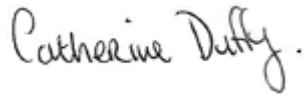
The National Ability Support System (NASS) is a national database that records information about disability-funded services that are received or required as a result of an intellectual disability, developmental delay, physical, sensory, neurological, learning, autism spectrum, speech/language disability arising from disease, disorder or trauma. The purpose of NASS is to gather information to aid the planning, development and organisation of disability funded services. A person is eligible to be registered on NASS if they receive or require (in the next 5 years) a disability-funded service.

There were 6,423 service users under the age of 16 in CHO 7 on NASS as of December 2022, as per data provided to National Health Information Systems (NHIS) by the Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT’s) and service providers in CHO 7.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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