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PQ 41930/23 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children under the age of eighteen years with a diagnosis (The number of children, under 18 with a diagnosis for asd autism in County Mayo); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ring,

I refer to the above PQ, which has been referred to HSE Community Healthcare West for response.

There are a number of different pathways for autism assessment and diagnosis for children and young people involving a number of HSE services such as Primary Care, Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs), Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and private providers.

CDNTs are still working on paper-based systems and in the absence of electronic health records are unable to give accurate information on the number of children with a diagnosis of autism in Co. Mayo. Some children in Mayo with Autism are also supported by our agency partners with outreach supports (WCA and Enable Ireland) and overnight respite (WCA).

Primary Care and Mental Health Services do not collate information based on diagnosis, as a result they are also not able to provide figures.

I apologise that we are not in a position to answer your question, however due to the absence of electronic records, and the structure of ASD services it is not possible to collate as requested..

Yours sincerely

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