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Deputy Ó Broin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 21393/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the options available to parents with concerns about their children's speech in the absence of a public health nurse providing developmental checks in their area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Eoin Ó Broin**

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Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21393/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Public Health Nurses are healthcare professionals who provide a range of nursing services in the community including child development assessments in line with the National Healthy Childhood Programme. In 2023 a total of 47,327 children had their 9-11 month PHN child health and development assessment on time or before reaching 12 months of age.

Child development checks remain a priority and any parents with a concern should contact their GP or local Public Health Nursing service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Seán McArt**

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