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Mr William Aird T.D.,  
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Re: PQ ref 16431/25

*“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children seen by Barrow children's disability network team in 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter”*

Dear Deputy Aird,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability Integration and Youth for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The Barrow Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) currently has a caseload of 604 children with complex needs related to a disability. When children are accepted to the CDNT they receive contact and invites to a variety of supports. These include “Welcome to Service” talk and other universal supports. They will then be invited to attend an initial appointment to formulate an Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP). Following the development of the IFSP the parents may be invited to a targeted support workshop or, where necessary, individual sessions or group sessions with the children will be carried out.

Below is a table identifying the number of children seen by Barrow CDNT in 2024 and in 2025 to date. This does not indicate the number of appointments offered by the team or attended by parents. This is simply the number of children who were seen by Barrow CDNT in the period indicated. Some of these children and parents were offered more than one appointment. The appointment type varies from a universal parent workshop, to a targeted support for parents (with a 1:1 session with the child included) and individual or group appointments with children. The appointments also include school visits carried out to complete observations in the classroom and discuss plans with the teachers.

No. of children seen by Barrow CDNT in 2024	Number of children seen by Barrow CDNT in 2025 to date (end of March 2025)
455	210

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries

Yours sincerely

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