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**PQ 17761/25** *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children in postal districts Dublin 1, 3, 7, and 9 who are currently on a waiting list for an assessment of need; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” -Gary Gannon, TD*

Dear Deputy Gannon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Community Healthcare Networks (CHN) for postal districts Dublin 1, 3, 7 and 9 are North Inner City, Clontarf, Cabra/Grangegorman and Ballymun. The table below provides the number of children currently awaiting completion of their Assessment of Need (AON) under the Disability Act 2005 separated out by the relevant CHN. There are a number of stages within the AON process and applications may be at various stages of the process.

	North Inner City	Clontarf	Cabra / Grangegorman	Ballymun
No of children awaiting completion of AON	116	177	279	208

Disability Services, Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW), are working to improve waiting times experienced by some children and families to receive an AON where appropriate as per the Disability Act 2005. The following steps are ongoing:

- Commencement of a time limited initiative in an effort to expedite the processing of applications including stage one parent interviews. To facilitate this, we temporarily reconfigured and reallocated some resources to support a targeted response to the delay.

- Disability Services continues to engage with private sector providers to expand clinical assessment capacity. Progress was recently made in identifying some providers who may assist in increasing assessment capacity in Quarter 3 2025 onwards.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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