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Ms. Sorca Clarke, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Re: PQ ref 5242/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children who have been assessed through CDNT in Longford and Westmeath.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

In the Longford Westmeath area there are three (3) Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) based in Mullingar (Network 7), Longford (Network 8) and Athlone (Network 9) with over 1700 children with complex disability needs registered with these three (3) teams.

From time of acceptance to the CDNT a child will experience supports in a variety of ways. This will include periods of observation, assessment and intervention. Clinical Assessment is defined as a process that involves integrating information from interviews, behavioural observations, tests, reports, and historical documents to aid in making decisions related to diagnosis and treatment planning. This is an ongoing and continuous process for a child with the CDNT and data around this is not gathered by the CDNT. I have however outlined below an example of some of the assessments which are provided by the CDNT

24 postural management, Moulded seating, motorised wheelchair assessment, wheelchair assessment, stander assessments, walker assessment, low tech AAC assessment, high tech AAC assessment, Lamh Assessment, cognitive assessments, autism assessment, Interdisciplinary team assessments, Assessments of regulation, Respite assessments, social work assessment, assessments of nutritional intake, Assessments for Activities of Daily Living, assessments of hand function, language assessment, speech sound assessments, assessments of eating drinking and swallowing.

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

Yours sincerely,

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