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Ms Grace Boland TD
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PQ 5250/25 – *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for a breakdown of the waiting lists of children awaiting their initial psychology assessment in CH09, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter”* - **Grace Boland TD**

Dear Deputy Boland,

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

Integrated Health Area Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Waiting List							
Child Wait List	0- 12wks	12- 26wks	26- 39wks	39- 52wks	52wks +	Total	Longest waiter
Total	868	519	607	463	1,681	4,220	470 weeks

The demand for Primary Care Psychology services in the Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West has grown 40% since 2019, as a result of increasing need at community level and changes to the threshold to access supports in secondary care and specialised paediatric services.

Primary Care Psychology services streamlined delivery of services during the past years as well as moving to offering hybrid attendance models to improve accessibility to core services.

Psychology Advice Clinics providing immediate support to children and families waiting for the service were established. There are nine Psychology Advice Clinics each fortnight across Integrated Health Area Dublin North County and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West. Interventions such as parent information workshops are also offered to support children waiting for individual appointments or with non-complex needs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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