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Mr. Liam Quaide, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 5789/ 25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional psychology referrals transferred from the Cork and Kerry disability services to the Cork and Kerry primary care services in the context of the roll out of progressing disabilities in the region.”**

Dear Deputy Quaide,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) provide interdisciplinary supports for children and young people with complex disability needs. Children’s disability services in West Cork and Kerry were reconfigured into CDNTs in 2013. I do not have data available regarding the numbers of children / young people referred to primary care psychology services at that time.

When the remaining ten CDNTs were established in Cork in 2021, a total of 577 children/young people were identified as having less complex needs that would be appropriately met by primary care psychology services. Further to engagement with their parents / guardians, these children were referred to primary care psychology services with appropriate consent.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Angela O’Neill,**  
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