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Deputy Johnny Guirke,  
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**Re: PQ 6262/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children that have been assessed through CDNTs in County Meath but have yet to be seen by intervention therapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter – Johnny Guirke**

Dear Deputy Guirke

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

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT 5) staffing that has been allocated is of such nature that the clinicians who complete the initial assessments, including any diagnostic assessments, are the same clinicians who also provide intervention.

CDNT 5 Central Meath is providing assessment and intervention to over 900 children, which includes supporting children in 2 special schools. The CDNT completed 66 Initial Team Assessments in 2024 and of that number only 8 children are waiting to receive intervention as per their agreed IFSP goals. These children all had their initial assessment during November 2024 and 4 of them are currently having diagnostic assessments completed, so they are still being seen and advice offered. They all would have also received advice and strategies to practice at home as part of their Initial Team Assessment.

CDNT 4 Dunshaughlin for 2024, there were 81 initial contacts, of which 52 have accessed intervention, 12 have not, 10 offered intervention and did not respond or attend, 1 was discharge following initial contact. 1 moved to another team following initial contact, 2 are receiving intervention via special school and 3 transferred to Primary Care following initial contact.

Children's disability network teams provides team based intervention and services to families and service users based on their IFSP goals and clinical priorities. In addition to supporting these children a number of the team clinicians are also providing services to

children in Special schools. There are currently 20 children in CDNT 2 and 30 children in CDNT 6 who have not accessed intervention from any discipline from the team.

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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