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Re: PQ 41335/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children formally assessed by clinicians by the St. Gabriel's CDNTs in Limerick city in each of the years 2023 to 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form; and if an autism spectrum disorder using ASD specific assessment tool were used such as the ADOS 2 and ADI R tools or equivalent.

Dear Deputy O'Meara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question that 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.

The St. Gabriel's South City Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) has one allocated Psychologist for a caseload of 590. To support the reduction of autism assessment waiting times on the team, a private psychologist is commissioned to complete the autism assessment jointly with South City Team members; Occupational Therapist, Speech & Language Therapist, Social Worker. All Autism assessments completed within St. Gabriel's Foundation are completed using autism specific assessment tools such as the ADOS 2 and the ADIR. Assessments are completed in line with the Psychological Society of Ireland guidelines.

St. Gabriel's South City CDNT

Year	Number of Assessments
2023	32
2024	41
2025	34



The St. Gabriel's Treehouse Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) has five allocated Psychologists for a caseload of 1147. Currently there are two Psychologists on maternity leave and the organisation is in the recruitment process regarding one vacant post. The Treehouse CDNT had several maternity leaves since 2023 and a high turnover of staff, impacting on the number of assessments that could be completed. To support the reduction of autism assessment waiting times on the team, a private psychologist is commissioned to complete the autism assessment jointly with Treehouse Team members, Occupational Therapist and Speech & Language Therapist. All Autism assessments completed within St. Gabriel's Foundation are completed using autism specific assessment tools such as the ADOS 2 and the ADIR. Assessments are completed in line with the Psychological Society of Ireland guidelines.

St. Gabriel's Treehouse CDNT

Year	Number of Assessments
2023	49
2024	40
2025	31

I trust this clarifies the situation, but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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