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Re: PQ 43350/25

"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children as of 1 July 2025, or latest date available, that were awaiting a first assessment of need from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005, for the CHO2 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Hara

I refer to PQ 43350/25 uploaded to the PAD System on the 25th July 2025 and due for response on the 12th August 2025 in the above regard. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

The number of children/young people waiting for assessment is a constantly changing figure as new applications are received daily and clinical assessments are commenced and completed on an ongoing basis. On the 1st July 2025, there were 493 children in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon waiting for assessment. A number of these children are not technically "waiting" for assessment as the assessment is currently underway, but as the final Assessment of Need report has not yet been issued, they appear on national data reports as being overdue.

It is important to note that all referrals are dealt with in chronological order according to date received as per National Policy. The length of time it takes to complete a clinical assessment varies depending on a number of factors, for example, the type of assessment required, complexity of the child/young person's presentation, family situations etc. All AON activity is captured on the AO data base with monthly and quarterly reports being produced by the national Disability Information Unit.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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