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**Réada Cronin TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2**

**Ref: PQ 12767/25**

*“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reasons that a child with autism might be denied an updated psychological assessment by the children's disability network team; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

**-Réada Cronin**

**Dear Deputy Cronin,**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Questions which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Children's Disability Network Teams provide health services and supports for children with complex needs in line with the Progressing Disability Services (PDS) framework.

Assessments including psychological assessments are updated if there is a clinical indication that this is required because, a child/young person is presenting with significant improvements which would indicate a service for children with complex disabilities is no longer appropriate or a child/young person's presentation has significantly deteriorated and assessment/review is identified as a need to guide clinical supports/interventions.

The requirement for updated educational psychological assessments is set by individual Boards of Management of Schools. The National Education Psychological Services are the appropriate service to provide updated assessments when these are required for education purposes.

If the families require advice or information they are asked to contact their local CDNT for useful information on available guidance and supports CDNTs provide.

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/childrens-disabilities/>

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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