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**PQ 13111/25 – “To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider carrying out a GAP analysis or similar analysis at the primary health care centre in a location (details supplied); the facilities that could be located at the facility in comparison to the facilities currently in-situ at the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter” - Robert O'Donoghue TD**

**Details Supplied:** Balbriggan

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

HSE Integrated Health Area Dublin North County delivers a variety of integrated healthcare services from Balbriggan Primary Care Centre to meet the health needs of the local population. The services currently being delivered from the centre include:

- Addiction Outreach clinic
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Advice clinics Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Children's Disability Network Team
- Counselling in Primary Care (CIPC)
- Community Medical Doctor
- Dental (Adult and Paediatric special care)
- Dietetics
- Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP)
- Chronic Disease Hub (Dublin North and Beaumont)
- Mental Health Day Hospital
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry (Specialist in Diabetes) as part of Chronic Disease Hub
- Primary Care Social work (Adult)
- Psychology (Child)
- Rotunda Community clinics
- Stop smoking service
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Substance Abuse Service Specific to Youth (SASSY) for 0 to 18 years

While a gap analysis on services has not been carried out, it should be noted the centre is operating at maximum capacity and is accommodating external health related organisations where possible. There are limited gaps in availability due to the high demand for clinical space.

Despite the broad range of services provided, there are key areas where service gaps have been identified:

Paediatric Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy	High waiting lists due to reduced resources
Speech and Language Therapy	Limited resources to meet current referral volumes, particularly for early intervention

While efforts are ongoing to optimise service delivery within existing resources, additional investment in staffing and infrastructure will be required to fully meet the needs of the growing Balbriggan population.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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