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PQ 14354/25 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children waiting on assessment of needs in CHO9, and the estimated wait time.” - Paul McAuliffe TD,*

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

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

As of the end February 2025 there are 4,215 children engaged in various stages of their Assessment of Need (AON) in Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW).

Disability Services in IHA DNC and IHA DNCW is working to alleviate the waiting times experienced by some children and families to receive an AON where appropriate as per the Disability Act 2005. The following steps are ongoing:

Commencement of a time limited initiative in an effort to expedite the processing of applications including stage one parent interviews. To facilitate this, we temporarily reconfigured and reallocated some resources as a temporary intervention measure.

Disability Services continues to engage with private sector providers to expand clinical assessment capacity. Progress was recently made in identifying some providers who may assist in increasing assessment capacity in Quarter 3 onwards 2025.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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