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Ms Grace Boland, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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PQ 22159/25 "To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children currently waiting for their initial CDNT appointment assigned to the Balbriggan CDNT; and if she will make a statement on the matter." - **Grace Boland, TD**

Dear Deputy Boland,

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.

The number of children currently waiting for an initial appointment with the Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) Balbriggan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) as at the last day of March 2025 is 498.

Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) Balbriggan CDNT is experiencing challenges in recruitment and retention of key health services staff. This impacts the team's ability to progress to deliver interventions to children on the waiting list as quickly as preferable. I appreciate this is unsatisfactory and I apologise. Please be assured the CRC are working through a number of initiatives to improve the waiting times experienced by some children on the Balbriggan CDNT.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enda Doody General Manager, Disability Service Covering Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West