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RE: PQ 26134/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will provide details of autism assessment waiting times in CHO2

Dear Deputy Dolan

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

The current waiting time for a routine autism assessment in Primary Care (Galway/South Roscommon) is approximately 24 months. This waiting list is dynamic, as children are prioritized based on defined acute clinical needs and their approaching age limit for service eligibility. For priority cases, waiting times are generally less than one year; however, this can vary significantly depending on the number of priority cases and the availability of contracted external agencies conducting these assessments. Ongoing efforts are in place to enhance access to timely diagnostic services.

The waiting times for autism queries in Mayo is approximately 39 months and North Roscommon waiting time is approximately 45 months. These waiting times do not refer to children who are referred to this service for an Assessment of Need (AON).

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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