

Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta, Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad

Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,Caladh an Treoigh,Luimneach Office of the Assistant National Director, National Disability Team, First Floor- Offices 13, 14, 15,

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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if the health service has contracted companies (details supplied), or otherwise engaged commercially with these companies for the provision of assessments of needs`

Details Supplied: Irish Resilience Clinic, ATC Ireland Psychology, Waterford Psychology Psych Options

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

All aspects of the Assessment of Need process must be operated within the AON legislation, the HSE SOP and the iHIQA standards.

In line with appropriate procurement procedures, Garda vetting and due diligence practice, private providers are contracted by the HSE to provide assessments and / or interventions.

The HSE must ensure that the contracted providers are appropriately qualified and that any assessments or interventions are provided in line with the legislation, HSE SOP and the iHIQA standards.

With regard to the specific question asked, the HSE wishes to confirm that these companies have not been engaged for the provision of Assessment of Need services.

The HSE continues to review efficiencies which may be realised for the provision of Assessment of Need services through the private sector.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should additional information be required.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Aoife O'Donohue,

Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta Cúntóir, Seirbhísí Mhíchumas, Rochtain agus Imeascadh,

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