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Re: PQ 2716425

"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for an assessment of needs in Roscommon as of 20th of May 2025".

Dear Deputy Daly

I refer to PQ 27164/25 uploaded on the PAD System on the 21st May 2025 and due for response on the 10th June 2025 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality concerning the number of children waiting for an assessment of needs in Roscommon as of 20th of May 2025". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

As previously advised, the number of children/young people waiting for assessment is a constantly changing figure as new applications are received daily and clinical assessments are commenced and completed on an ongoing basis. On the 20th May, there were 56 children in Roscommon waiting for assessment. A number of these children are not technically "waiting" for assessment, the assessment is underway but as the final Assessment of Need report has not yet been produced, they appear on reports as being overdue.

It is important to note that all referrals are dealt with in chronological order according to date received as per National Policy. The length of time it takes to complete a clinical assessment varies depending on a number of factors, for example, the type of assessment required, complexity of the child/young person's presentation, family situations etc. All AON activity is captured on the AO data base with monthly and quarterly reports being produced by the national Disability Information Unit.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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