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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 53975/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been removed from the assessment list for the primary care psychology services waitlist in an area Dublin West; as a result of failing to fill out and return a form to the HSE in the specified timeframe, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy, Ó Broin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Care Psychology Service in Dublin West covers the Community Healthcare Areas of Clondalkin, Lucan, and Ballyfermot-Palmerstown. In relation to consent for services, the National Children's referral form requests as required by law that at least one of the Child's legal guardians consents to the referral and that both parents are aware of the referral. Referrals to the Psychology service are received via this form and from other HSE professionals, GPs Schools and preschools and do not always include signed consent from parents. Where this is the case, the service seeks to establish consent at point of referral or by contacting the parents.

If consent is not obtained at the time of referral or during initial communication with parents, the child will be placed on a waitlist for the service, and it will be noted that consent has not yet been received. The service will request that parents contact them to confirm consent, which can be done via telephone or by mail within a specified timeframe. If the parents do not respond within that timeframe, the referral will not be rejected; instead, the service will follow up directly with the parents at a later date.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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