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Ms Grace Boland, TD,
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PQ 47286/25 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of administrative staff linked to the assessment of need process in HA2 Swords and Balbriggan teams; 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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Assessment of Need Process (AON) provides a structured statutory framework designed to identify health and educational needs of children and young people who may have a disability. This approach falls within the scope of 2023 AON Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The Assessment of Need function within Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) is delivered by a shared staffing team comprising of Assessment of Need officers, Liaison officers and administrative staff. This is a pooled staffing resource operating across both IHA DNC and IHA DNCW. For clarity, there are no administrative staff assigned exclusively to the Swords or Balbriggan networks.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you

Yours sincerely,

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