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Ms Grace Boland, TD,
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PQ 47287/25 - *“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the average number of assessment of need referrals received each month in 2024 and 2025 by HA2 Swords and Balbriggan teams (Dublin north county); 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.

Under the Disability Act 2005, persons born on or after 1 June 2002 are entitled to apply for an Assessment of Need (AON). It is important to clarify the AON Office accepts and processes applications from all clients residing within Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) and not exclusively from Swords and Balbriggan area networks.

In 2024, the AON Office received 261 new referral applications from persons residing in the Swords network. To date in 2025, 178 applications have been received from this area network. In the same period, 240 new applications were received in 2024 from persons in the Balbriggan catchment area, with 198 new applications received to date in 2025.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you

Yours sincerely,

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