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PQ 48114/25 - “To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of adults awaiting overnight respite services within CHO9; and the average waiting time to process an overnight respite service within CHO9.” -Tom Brabazon, TD

Dear Deputy Brabazon,

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE Disability Services in Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) collate the names of adults on waiting lists across service providers in the area. This process provides oversight of need and helps to prevent duplication in service provision.

At present, there are 145 adults on the respite waiting list across IHA DNC and IHA DNCW. Of these, 41 adults were referred to a new respite service which opened earlier this year. In addition, there are 18 individuals who already access respite but are seeking an alternative service.

Respite referrals are prioritised based on assessed need. This prioritisation process is informed by social workers and case managers, to ensure that those with the greatest needs are supported as early as possible within available resources.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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