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Deputy Micheál Carrigy
Leinster House
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Re: PQ reference 48454/25 – Parliamentary Question from Deputy Micheál Carrigy requesting the number of cases in County Longford which have been moved from Disability Services to Primary Care Services in 2023 and 2024.

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your Parliamentary Question has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

2023

Phase 1: CDNT validated their caseloads and identified the uni-disciplinary caseload which was transferred CDNT discipline to PC discipline:

Physiotherapy: 5

Occupational Therapy: 14

Speech and Language Therapy: 7

Dietetics: 0

Psychology: 24

Phase 2: CDNT validated their caseloads and identified multidisciplinary caseloads for transfer from CDNT to multiple PC disciplines: CDNT transferred 41 clients. The needs identified from the 41 clients translated as follows (some clients required more than 1 discipline intervention.)

Physiotherapy: 9

Occupational Therapy: 19

Speech and Language Therapy: 18

Dietetics: 4

Psychology: 24

2024

The transfer window had closed and where CDNT identified caseloads no longer meeting criteria for CDNT, these children were categorised as new referrals in PC: DNT



transferred 36 clients. The needs identified from the 36 clients translated as follows (some clients required more than 1 discipline intervention.)

Physiotherapy: 3

Occupational Therapy: 17

Speech and Language Therapy: 20

Dietetics: 13

Psychology: 29

Diverse Minds Programme (OT, SLT, Psy): 3.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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