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Re: PQ 50143/25

“To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Roscommon currently awaiting an assessment of needs under the Disability Act 2025; the number of those waiting more than three months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly

I refer to PQ 50143/25 in the above regard. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I wish to advise that the number of children/young people waiting for assessment is a constantly changing figure as new applications are received daily and clinical assessments are commenced and completed on an ongoing basis. There are currently 68 children in Roscommon all over three months for assessment.

It is important to note that all referrals are dealt with in chronological order according to date received as per National Policy. The length of time it takes to complete a clinical assessment varies depending on a number of factors, for example, the type of assessment required, complexity of the child/young person's presentation, family situations etc. All AON activity is captured on the AO data base with monthly and quarterly reports being produced by the national Disability Information Unit.

Please be advised that children/young people do not require an Assessment of Need or a diagnosis in order to access a service. They can be referred by a healthcare professional or parent/carer to the CDNT for children/young people with complex needs or to Primary Care for children/young people with non-complex needs.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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