



Ms. Louise O'Reilly, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

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PQ 14622/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if there are supports for parents of children awaiting primary care assessments in Fingal; the number of children on waiting lists for assessments in Fingal in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Louise O'Reilly TD

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The number of children on waiting lists for Primary Care Assessments in Fingal. Figures are based on Dublin 15, Coastal, Balbriggan and Swords Community Healthcare Networks (CHN) waiting lists.	Total
Speech Language Therapy (SLT)	778
Physiotherapy	585
Psychology	549
Occupational Therapy (OT)	814

Psychology advice clinics are available within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) to provide supports for parents of children on waiting lists for assessments. I have attached the Advice Clinic leaflet which contains relevant information and contact details about the clinics which they should find helpful.

Under the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Programme, CHO DNCC is benefiting from additional therapy resources which includes recruiting more therapists across disciplines to our service which will help to significantly reduce long waiting times and lists. ECC aims to deliver a health and social care service that meets the needs of our population and its core objective is to shift the majority of care from the acute to the community setting to bring care closer to home for service users

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Tom O'Brien
Head of Service Primary Care