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Deputy Collins,  
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Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 53981/23 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children are currently waiting for a speech and language assessment in each health district of Dublin city and county; and how long are they waiting.**

**- Joan Collins**

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Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (53981/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2023, there were 185,770 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) services. Primary Care Operations is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients. This includes monitoring the waiting list on an on-going basis in the context of available resources.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Speech and Language Therapy Children's waiting list for initial assessment in each Local Health Office in Dublin city and county area, as at the end of February 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech & Language Therapy Children's Waitlist for initial assessment as at the end of February 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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