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Deputy Tóibín,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 51308/23 – To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of children under the age of 12 years who have been referred for a public psychological assessment for autism, specific learning disabilities including dyslexia and dyspraxia, and ADHD for each category, by year, from 2019 to 2023, and by county (details supplied); to provide a breakdown of the number of persons in a senior psychologist post working on assessments, by county, for the latest available year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: who are waiting (under a year, 1, 2, 3 years and 4 years or more) for an assessment as of 2023 or the most recent year for which data are available by county; who have had a completion of assessments by (i) year (2019-2023) and by (ii) county

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 51308/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I understand that the information in relation to Autism is being provided to you directly by Disability services.

Primary Care services maintain the Psychology waiting list, it is not collated by specific learning disability but rather is a list of all users who are waiting. You have asked for the most recent waiting list and in this regard I have attached waiting list as at February 2024 by local health office.

In relation to the number of Senior Psychologists in post, detailed information on the number of HSE staff grades is publically available and can be found at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/> and also includes archived reports for previous years. I have attached the most recent copy of this report.

For your convenience, I have also included below a link to the workforce reports by Community Health Organisation (CHO)

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/workforce-reporting-by-community-healthcare-organisation.html>

Appendix 1 – Children’s Psychology Waiting List by LHO February 2024

Appendix 2 – Health Services Employment Report February 2024



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán McArt".

Seán McArt

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