

1st May, 2024

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 19228/24

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he is aware that the number of children overdue an assessment of need in Cork North Lee is at its highest rate since Q1 2019 ".

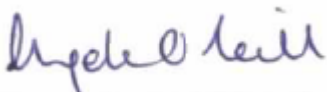
Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

As required by the regulations associated with the Disability Act (2005), applications for Assessment of Need are managed in chronological order across the Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) area. The regulations specify that assessments must be processed in strict order based on the date the completed application is received. The figures for Cork North Lee must therefore be considered in the context of the overall number of applications received across Cork and Kerry.

As evidenced by the figures in appendix 1, the number of applications for Assessment of Need in CKCH has increased in 2023 and again in the first quarter of 2024. The increased number of overdue assessments is directly linked to the increase in applications. CKCH is continuing to progress a waiting list initiative to increase the number of Assessments of Need completed in the area.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Angela O' Neill
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Table 1

<i>Assessment of Need - Applications received</i>																								
CHO4	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
Area	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cork North	41	42	40	55	82	16	29	33	18	28	11	13	21	12	32	24	73	96	51	58	85			
Cork North Lee	129	146	93	140	122	62	76	140	93	102	47	45	68	71	78	63	72	69	119	120	132			
Cork South Lee	123	112	92	121	155	53	64	123	75	96	34	39	37	42	47	62	68	55	60	70	93			
Cork West	21	25	20	27	37	6	6	15	9	15	3	7	7	17	8	15	12	15	9	14	22			
Total per quarter	314	325	245	343	396	137	175	311	195	241	95	104	133	142	165	164	225	235	239	262	332	0	0	0
Total per year	1227				1019				635				604				961				332			

Table 2

<i>Assessment of Need - Total Overdue for Completion (excluding overdue - exceptional circumstances)</i>																								
CHO4	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
Area	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cork North	115	124	127	123	119	139	165	153	122	123	86	89	78	83	88	94	120	113	141	178	183			
Cork North Lee	407	382	375	349	321	339	365	314	261	301	314	295	259	282	292	332	377	344	352	345	378			
Cork South Lee	400	335	320	333	351	349	347	306	261	213	221	189	167	164	161	174	172	181	197	193	161			
Cork West	9	20	21	31	38	51	54	47	38	31	18	13	6	7	6	18	21	25	24	26	21			
Total per quarter	931	861	843	836	829	878	931	820	682	668	639	586	566	587	589	665	732	706	754	780	743			

