



Oifig an Cheannaire Oibríochtaí,
Seirbhísí Míchumais Náisiúnta
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 5933/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children's disability service regional assessment hubs that have been established as of 31 January 2024; which CHO areas these cover; and the timeframe for the establishment of the remaining regional assessment hubs.

HSE Response

Assessment of Need Administrative Hubs

The HSE has also developed AON Administrative Hubs in Community Healthcare Areas (CHOs) 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and established AON Assessment Hubs in CHOs 3, 6 and 9.

Under the *Roadmap for Service Improvement 2023-2026, Disability Services for Children and Young People*, these AON Hubs will be amalgamated into 6 AON Assessment Hubs aligned to the 6 Regional Health Areas.

It is important to note that children do not require an Assessment of Need as defined by the Disability Act (2005) in order to access a CDNT or Primary Care service. They can be referred by a healthcare professional or parent/carer to the CDNT for children with complex needs as a result of their disability, or to Primary Care for children with non-complex needs.

Yours Sincerely,

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