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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.

PQ ref 8092/24To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many courses of the Hanen Programme will run in CHO7 in 2024; and the dates on which they will commence.

Dear Deputy Eoin, Ó Broin

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister DCEDIY for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Services do not provide any trademarked Hanen programmes in Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow Area. However, the service does provide parent-led interventions which draws on some principles covered in the Hanen Programme. These include the 'Let's Get Talking intervention which is similar in content to the Hanen 'It Takes Two to Talk' programme and the 'Early Social Communication & Language' Intervention. This is similar in content to some elements of the Hanen 'More than Words Programme'.

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

Yours sincerely,

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