



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Deputy Duncan Smith  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 1193/24: the total number of persons awaiting a psychologist report for MHID services in each of the CHO6 areas; the current expected waiting time for an assessment; and his plans to extend services within this area in 2024.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above request, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In accordance with the National Model of Service for MHID services a psychometric assessment is required for all referrals to an MHID team. This will establish if the person referred has an intellectual disability; what level of disability they have and to provide important clinical information to guide assessment.

I am advised that there are currently 3 referrals for whom a psychological/psychometric assessment is outstanding and that one of these service users has an assessment date scheduled with a psychologist.

Once a referral is accepted there is currently no waiting list for MHID services and service users can see assessments in a timely manner.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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