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Deputy Kehoe,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 32142/24 To ask the Minister for Health the cost per child to have them on a waiting list for occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Paul Kehoe

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 32142/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Having contacted your office by email on a number of occasions seeking further clarification, to date we have not received a response; in order to keep to established PQ timelines we will answer on the basis that you wish to establish an all-encompassing cost per child on an occupational therapy waiting list. Should your request be different I am more than happy to revisit this by means of a new PQ request.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2023, there were 350,886 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Occupational Therapy services. Primary Care is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients. This includes monitoring the waiting list on an on-going basis in the context of clinical priority and available resources.

The HSE do not maintain individual costings in relation to children on occupational therapy waiting lists. The HSE continue to work towards reducing waiting times. This includes ensuring that resources are prioritised within each region to fund areas with the greatest need.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

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