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PQ 32247/24

To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the primary care autism assessment team in south Tipperary; whether the team is functioning at present; how many staff are on the team; and how many children they are seeing.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

There is 1 Primary Care Autism Assessment Team (PCAAT) for Carlow Kilkenny and South Tipperary area. This service is operational since August 2023 and encompasses Community Healthcare Networks 1 to 5. The PCAAT comprises 6 staff members: 2 Senior Psychologists, 2 Senior Speech & Language Therapists, 1 Senior Occupational Therapist and 1 administration support.

PCAAT aims to operate an equitable and accountable service taking the needs of all eligible children and young people into account and endeavouring to balance clinical priorities.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goff', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Goff
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