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Mr Alan Farrell, TD,
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PQ 23029/24 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children on the waiting list for the CDNT services in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter."* **Alan Farrell, TD**

Dear Deputy Farrell,

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

The number of children open and accessing services among the 12 Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) is 3,783 and there are 2,947 children awaiting services across the 12 CDNTs at end of April 2024.

Some CDNTs in CHO DNCC are experiencing challenges in recruitment and retention of key health services staff which is impacting on the ability to provide timely interventions to some children. CHO DNCC Disability Services in conjunction with our lead agency colleagues, St Michael's House, Avista and the Central Remedial Clinic continue to work towards increased capacity within CDNTs and I am pleased to confirm the number of children accessing services has grown each year since the development of the CDNTs in CHO DNCC. The number of children and families awaiting CDNT services is a concern for CHO DNCC and remains a priority area for reduction.

The CDNTs support families of children whilst they are on the waiting list through various waiting list initiatives in place to provide support to children and families. Initiatives available include access to webinars, workshops, advice clinics, group interventions such as Hanen more than words, Cygnet training among other options advised via local CDNT staff to persons awaiting services.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley
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