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To whom it may concern

Please find following my comments relating to the 'Inquiry into General Health Screening of Children at Pre Primary and Primary School Level.'

At the present time, St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School has a very close working relationship with the School Nurse. This is a relationship that is to be valued and fostered. The School Nurse visits on a weekly basis, and this ensures a quick turn around time for when Staff make a referral to her. Open lines of communication, which currently exist, allow for information to be transmitted to all interested parties quickly, professionally and honestly. The current screening practices utilised by the School Nurse are thorough and informative.

One area that needs to be addressed is the long waiting lists for appointments to medical specialists that are currently present. Children are being referred to Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists etc, but are having to wait for long periods of time for an appointment. This defeats the purpose of aiming for early intervention and all of the benefits that go hand in hand with this when it occurs. Frustration levels rise, in this situation, for parents, students, and School Staff.

Thank you for considering the above comments. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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