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**7 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour of the Minister for Children and Education regarding Parenting Support Services (OQ.37/2022)**

Will the Minister advise what changes, if any, have been made to parenting support services since the onset of the pandemic; and what are the future plans for these services?

**Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier (The Minister for Children and Education):**

Pandemic restrictions prevented the delivery of face-to-face group sessions, although one-to-one work with families continued throughout and some of the group programmes delivered using a virtual model. The parenting support service based at the Bridge Child and Family Centre has now been integrated into the new family and community support services. In addition to delivery of the Triple-P parenting programme, the team alongside colleagues from partner agencies have been trained in additional targeted parenting programmes. In 2022, in collaboration with partners, the team are offering the Who's in Charge programme to support parents whose children are being violent or abusive towards them; Early Bed programmes for families with children with autism, Relief Foster Parenting programmes for families of children with A.D.H.D. (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), and Time to Pause, a well-being programme for parents in partnership with MIND Jersey.

**3.7.1 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet:**

Could the Minister advise, in terms of the virtual sessions, are these ongoing? How many of those virtual sessions took place and how were they accessed? He also mentioned one-to-one sessions. How is this accessed and what is the waiting time for a one-to-one session?

**Deputy S.M. Wickenden:**

I am not sure on the operational side of how they are accessed. I know the programmes are taking place. I am not aware of waiting lists on them. I can say that the uptake for 2021 of the programmes was 143 families. For Triple-P, 52 of the programmes that they target were enacted over this time.