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Mr. Johnny Mythen TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
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**PQ 17473/24**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number of children from 2019 to date under 18 years of age awaiting appointments to see the CDNT teams in each area in County Wexford.**

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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 reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

Unless referred with Priority 1 need for urgent intervention the approximate wait times for children is between 1 and 32 months. There are different wait times for different clinicians depending on the priority rating of the child. For intervention it is not possible to quantify a waiting time as children receive some intervention but are waiting for other intervention.

The overall count of children assigned to the CDNTs in Wexford is as follows:

<b>CDNT</b>	<b>Children Assigned</b>
Network 8 New Ross	<b>281</b>
Network 9 Gorey	<b>328</b>
Network 10 Wexford	<b>379</b>
Network 11 Enniscorthy	<b>434</b>

The CDNTs were established in September 2021 therefore it is not possible to give figures from 2019.

As with other areas Disability Services within South East Community Healthcare (SECH) are continuing to experience significant recruitment challenges. The HSE is operating in a very competitive market as there are significant shortages of qualified healthcare professionals nationally and internationally. SECH continues to prioritise local competitions for all disciplines and continues to express posts out to current national panels where relevant.

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT service at this time are particularly stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

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

Yours sincerely,



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