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**PQ 28248/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide the number of children waiting to be seen by children's disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form”.**

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to PQ 28248/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and due for response on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “to provide the number of children waiting to be seen by children's disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway, in tabular form”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that under the PDS model, Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) offer interdisciplinary support so do not maintain waiting lists for individual therapies. Wait times for the CDNTs are not recorded per discipline but are recorded as per national key metrics since children's disability services reconfigured. Please see below the latest available data (end of May 2024) for CDNTs 4 to 9 which are the key metrics provided on a monthly basis to the National Disability Children's and Families Team in Community Operations, HSE.

	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @ May 2024	3	27	28	36	7	55
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact @ May 2024	1	11	23	36	19	76
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ May 2024	8	7	15	43	23	79
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ May 2024	7	22	32	25	17	94

We continue to actively recruit for therapy staff via the HSE recruitment process, with a national campaign ongoing. To date, 9 posts have been filled from national campaigns and 20 posts have been filled through existing panels/campaigns in Community Healthcare West. There are a number of posts that are approved and yet to be filled. Campaigns are ongoing to fill these posts.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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