

Ms Pauline Tully TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

6th August 2024

Re: PQ ref 33557/24 - CDNT Speech and Language Therapy Waitlist Children in Counties Cavan and Monaghan

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting a CDNT speech and language appointment in County Cavan and County Monaghan; the number waiting less than three, three to six, six to 12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Disability Manager for Children’s Disability Network Team (CDNT) Community Health Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CLDMS) has advised that under the Progressing Disability Service (PDS) model, CDNT offers therapeutic support to children and young people (0-18 years) via the interdisciplinary model. CDNT do not break down the therapeutic input for children and young people into single disciplines per PDS. Below sets out the metric for children waiting on appointments for therapeutic intervention.

CDNT 0-18 years Cavan CDNT and Monaghan CDNT - Waiting on appointment for therapeutic Intervention per the Metrics for June 2024

Waitlist times	Number of Service Users Cavan (0-18)	Number of Service Users Monaghan (0-18)	Total
0-3 months	2	24	26
4-6 months	3	22	25
7-12 months	13	4	17
12 months +	22	0	22
Total	40	50	90



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CH CDLMS
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar CDLMS