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Deputy Seán Crowe
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children accessing speech and language therapy in CHO7; the number of children awaiting assessment for therapy; the number of children who have been assessed and are awaiting therapy; and the average wait time for both assessment and post-assessment access.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm wait times for both assessment and post assessment access to Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy, can vary across Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow. The average waiting time for both is 100 weeks with a range of 40 – 192 weeks. The waiting time is impacted by staffing resources. The figures are valid to 11/06/2024.

The Number of Children Accessing SLT in CHO7	4,962
The Number of Children Awaiting Initial Assessment	3110
The Number of Children Awaiting Initial Therapy	586

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

Yours sincerely,

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