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**Deputy Jackie Cahill**  
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**Re: PQ 11873/24 - "To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times for an adult in Nth. Tipperary to see both a Speech Therapist and Physiotherapist after receiving a referral from their doctor; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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 response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Community Healthcare Network Manager for Network 2 (Nth. Tipperary) has confirmed that the current waiting times for an adult referred to the HSE Primary Care Services referenced above are as follows:

**Speech & Language Therapy:** approx. six weeks from receipt of referral.

**Physiotherapy Services:** waiting time depends on the clinical need of the patient. Patients deemed to be in urgent clinical need are seen within four weeks from receipt of referral.

Currently, the longest wait time for a patient categorised as routine/non-urgent to be assessed by Physiotherapy Services is two years.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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