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PQ 44745/24

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of children on waiting lists under CDNT and primary care for occupational therapy and speech and language therapy in counties Roscommon and Galway; and the average waiting times, in tabular form”.

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to PQ 44745/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 29th October 2024 and due for response on the 19th November 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “the total number of children on waiting lists under CDNT and primary care for occupational therapy and speech and language therapy in counties Roscommon and Galway; and the average waiting times, 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 September 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.

CDNT	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @ Sept 2024	5	32	25	7	3	86
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact @ Sept 2024	1	11	34	21	2	77
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ Sept 2024	0	18	60	21	10	79
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ Sept 2024	10	22	228	20	12	94

Following a successful national recruitment campaign, we have a number of posts being filled in the fourth quarter of 2024 across all associated therapies.

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

Yours sincerely



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