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PQ 42947/24 – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for primary care speech and language therapy in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter”- Alan Farrell TD*

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Within Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West there are approximately 7587 children on the Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) waiting list. The breakdown of the list is as follows:

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West							
Breakdown of length of time Children on Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List							
	0 – 4 months	4 -8 months	8 – 12 months	12 – 18 months	18 -24 months	24 + months	Totals
Waiting Initial Assessment	480	698	619	669	268	80	2814
Waiting Initial Therapy	426	509	288	524	340	121	2208
Waiting Further Therapy	512	432	410	650	496	65	2565

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West SLT team are actively looking at initiatives to reduce the waiting lists, including the introduction of advice clinics, group therapy, intervention groups and continuous active recruitment campaigns.

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,



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