

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Deputy Denis Naughten  
Dáil Éireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 36399/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting an Occupational Therapy appointment in CHO2; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

Please find as follows a breakdown of the number of children awaiting Occupational Therapy in Primary Care Services in Community Healthcare West:

Children Awaiting Occupational Therapy Appointments in CHO2							
	Galway		Mayo		Roscommon		Total
	0 - 4 yrs	5 - 17 yrs	0 - 4 yrs	5 - 17 yrs	0 - 4 yrs	5 - 17 yrs	
0-12wks	18	70	1	6	9	24	128
12-26wks	44	101	9	31	5	44	234
26-39wks	16	62	9	16	7	21	131
39-52wks	12	95	8	93	4	13	225
52+	37	517	32	196	10	70	862
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1580</b>

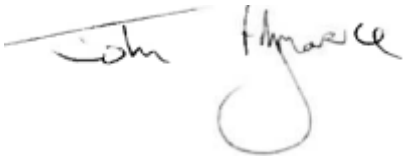
The above figures represent children waiting for Primary Care Services only. Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) offer interdisciplinary support so do not maintain waiting lists for individual therapies. Wait times for the CDNTs are not recorded per discipline but are recorded as per national key metrics since children's disability services reconfigured. Please find below figures collected from the most recent data set (August 2024):

Children Awaiting CDNT Therapies Community Healthcare West										
CDNT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTALS
0-3 months	9	3	4	0	26	26	48	3	77	196
4-6 months	0	0	0	0	12	30	36	7	77	162
7-12 months	0	0	0	0	13	51	43	13	79	199
> 12 months	0	0	0	0	22	296	25	14	92	449

<b>Total</b>	9	3	4	0	73	403	152	37	325	<b>1006</b>
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If you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely

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**John Fitzmaurice**  
**Chief Officer**