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PQ 1401/25

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting a first appointment in the CDNTs across County Galway; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Mr. O'Hara,

I refer to PQ 1401/25 uploaded on the PAD System on the 13th January 2025 and due for response on the 4th February 2025 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning **"the number of people awaiting a first appointment in the CDNTs across County Galway; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter"**. 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 assessments or 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 (December 2024) for CDNTs 4 - 8 Galway locations 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 West Galway	CDNT 5 West Galway City	CDNT 6 Central Galway & East Galway City	CDNT 7 Galway North	CDNT 8 East Galway & South Roscommon
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @December 2024	3	11	20	30	3
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial contact @ December 2024	1	8	12	5	2
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ December 2024	0	5	29	21	4
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial contact @ December 2024	2	18	105	27	5

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

Yours sincerely,



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