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**PQ 18125/18**

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed with juvenile arthritis that are awaiting treatment; the number of children in County Louth diagnosed with juvenile arthritis that are awaiting treatment; and the length of time they have been waiting".

Dear Deputy Adams,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

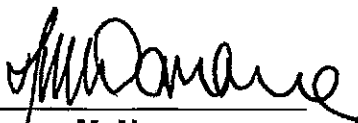
I sought a response from Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and it provided the following information:

The hospital advised, as at 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018, there are 968 children with a number of rheumatic conditions including juvenile arthritis waiting for a first consultant outpatient appointment with a Rheumatologist (wait times listed below).

Specialty	0-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6-9 Mths	9-12 Mths	12-15 Mths	15-18 Mths	18-21 Mths	21-24 Mths	24-36 Mths	36-48 Mths	48+ Mths	Grand Total
Rheumatology	139	85	63	99	63	76	55	63	203	120	2	968

Of the 968 children, 33 have an area of residence listed on this extract as County Louth.

Yours sincerely,



Frances McNamara  
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