



1st May 2019

Ms. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, TD,
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Re: 22419 PQ 15965/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO 9 at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively

Dear Deputy,

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

Currently there are three Early Intervention Teams (EITs) providing services across CHO Dublin North City and County (DNCC) and the number of children waiting for assessment by time period is detailed in tabular format hereunder:

Waiting time	No. of children waiting for EIT assessment
0 – 3 months	96
3 – 6 months	113
6 – 9 months	104
9 – 12 months	98
12 – 18 months	104
18 – 24 months	74
24+ months	121

The CHO DNCC population comprises of 25% children which is higher than any other CHO area nationally and consequently there is high demand for Early Intervention Services. We have recruited five additional staff and assigned them to the Early Intervention Team in North Dublin which has the longest waiting times. All of the additional posts are in place since Quarter one 2019. This will allow a greater number of children on the waiting list receive appointments from the service. Applications through Early Intervention Services are dealt with in order of date of application.

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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