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Deputy James Browne,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 16298/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting occupational therapy as part of the assessment of need first-time assessment by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The Assessment of Need is used to assess a child's level of disability. Disability is complex and is unique to each person. The assessment process must therefore be holistic and dynamic. Assessment may involve input from various professions, because of this it is not possible to capture the number of children waiting specifically for Occupational Therapy as part of the Assessment of Need process.

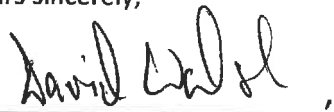
Please find below in table 1 the number of children currently waiting for Assessment of Need by CHO area at December 2018.

Table 1: Number of Children Awaiting Assessment of Need at December 2018

CHO Area	Number of Children
CHO 1	140
CHO 2	35
CHO 3	295
CHO 4	1013
CHO 5	401
CHO 6	103
CHO 7	474
CHO 8	491
CHO 9	659
Total	3611

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Walsh,
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