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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question - 50855/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in counties Laois and Offaly awaiting physiotherapy; and the number waiting over 1, 2 and 3 years, respectively - Brian Stanley.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 outline the position as follows.

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The total children waiting physiotherapy in Primary and Social Care in Offaly is with detail as follows: 86 are waiting in total (44 are awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service and 42 are awaiting primary care physiotherapy).

Length waiting - Breakdown as follows

86 are waiting < 1 year

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The total children waiting physiotherapy in Primary and Social Care in Laois is with details as follows: 299 are waiting in total (213 are awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service and 86 are awaiting primary care physiotherapy)

Length waiting - Breakdown as follows

211 are waiting < 1 year (125 are awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service and 86 are awaiting primary care physiotherapy)

62 are waiting >1 year (all are awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service)

26 are waiting >2 years (all are awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service)

0 are waiting > 3 years

The numbers waiting has decreased marginally in 2019 from 326 at the beginning of the year (247 were awaiting service from the disability physiotherapy service and 79 were awaiting primary care physiotherapy).

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett

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