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PQ 50999/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO 2 at the end of November 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 Murphy O'Mahony,

I refer to PQ 50999/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 3rd December 2019 addressed to the Minister for Health and due for response on the 19th December 2019 regarding "the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO 2 at the end of November 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". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position on a county by county basis.

Galway City and County

Please find listed below the number of children waiting for assessment as at 30th November 2019.

Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months	Waiting 12 – 18 months	Waiting 18 - 24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
41	12	2	0	0	0	0

Co. Mayo

Please find the Mayo Early Intervention Team details of wait times by discipline listed below with the number of children waiting as at 30th November 2019. Please note the Psychology waiting list is unavailable at this time.

Months on Waiting List	Occupational Therapy	Speech & Language Therapy	Physiotherapy
0-3 months	17	20	21
3-6 months	14	34	10
6-9 months	21	21	19
9-12 months	13	8	8
12-18 months	23	0	17
18-24 months	24	0	16
24+ months	25	0	0

Co. Roscommon

The details of wait times listed below include those who are awaiting initial contact for assessment and those children whom the initial assessment is ongoing but not yet complete:-

Number of children who are waiting for initial assessment as at the 16th December 2019						
Waiting 0-3 months	Waiting 3-6 months	Waiting 6-9 months	Waiting 9-12 months	Waiting 12-18 months	Waiting 18-24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
9	0	0	0	0	0	0

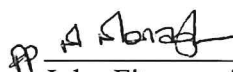
The number of children whom the initial assessment is on-going but is not yet complete as at the 16th December 2019						
Waiting 0-3 months	Waiting 3-6 months	Waiting 6-9 months	Waiting 9- 12 months	Waiting 12-18 months	Waiting 18-24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
2	12	3	1	0	0	0

Please note the initial assessment process includes the child being linked with a key worker, identifying the family's priorities, the child's presenting needs and developing a plan to address these. Roscommon Early Intervention Services aim to complete this process within a 3 month timeframe but depending on the child and family situation and the capacity of the Early Intervention Team, there may be occasions when it takes a little longer to complete this process.

The lists also include those children not able to engage in the completion of the process agreed as part of the initial assessment which can be due to the child being sick or hospitalised or the family not engaging with services. The Early Intervention Teams are linking with Tusla and Family Support Services where appropriate in such cases.

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

Yours sincerely



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