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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO 5 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

All referrals are waitlisted and prioritised according to date of referral and clinical need of the client.

The operational structures of Early Intervention (EI) services vary throughout the South East and some waiting lists are not specific to disability services but service users are on a paediatric waiting list. In Counties Waterford and Carlow/Kilkenny each therapy is discipline specific and the waiting list is a combined primary care and disability list. The total number on the EIT waitlist for autism specific disorder (ASD) assessment is outlined below and this is based on data that is routinely collected.

Numbers Waiting Assessment (Dec.2019)	Carlow/Kilkenny	Wexford	South Tipperary	Waterford
Total	80	159	182	141

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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