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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 52226/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals for treatment to each community intervention team to date in 2019, in tabular form**

**-Stephen Donnelly**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 purpose of a Community Intervention Team (CIT) service is to prevent unnecessary hospital admission or attendance, and to facilitate/enable early discharge of patients appropriate for CIT care. The CIT, through its fast-tracked provision of services enhances the overall primary care system, providing access to nursing and home care support, usually from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week.

The CIT provide a range of services including administration of home IV antibiotics (Out-patient Parenteral Anti-microbial Therapy -OPAT); acute anticoagulation care; acute wound care and dressings; enhanced nurse monitoring following fractures, falls or surgery; care of a patient with a central venous catheter; urinary related care; care of the patient with a respiratory illness; bowel care including ostomy care; short term older person support and care and other medication management/ administration as part of patient's acute intervention package.

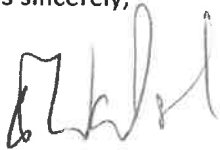
There are 16 CITs in place, as listed below. There were 43,404 referrals to CIT between Jan – Oct 2019.

CIT	Referrals Jan – Oct 2019
Sligo	1,322
Galway	4,683
Roscommon	401
Mid-West	6,784
Cork	3,132
Kerry	855
Carlow/ Kilkenny	3,210
South Tipperary	2,463

Waterford	3,019
Wicklow	1,906
Dublin South	5,957
Kildare	822
Laois Offaly	754
Louth	1,145
Meath	1,601
Dublin North	5,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,404</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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