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Mr. James Browne TD  
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**PQ 53510/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting a speech and language therapy appointment; the number of these awaiting initial assessment, initial therapy and further therapy respectively; the number waiting less than 12 months; the number waiting more than 12, 24, 36 and 48 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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 was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.*

Timeframe	No. of children in Wexford awaiting initial SLT assessment	No. of children in Co. Wexford awaiting initial therapy	No. of children in Co. Wexford awaiting further therapy
No. waiting <12 months	634	382	231
No. waiting <18 months	7	73	77
No. waiting <24 months	0	34	20
No. waiting >24 months	0	0	4
No. waiting >48 months	0	0	0
<b>Total No. of children waiting</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>332</b>

Please be assured that Management from all areas and personnel from Speech and Language Therapy Services monitor the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Anna Marie Lanigan**  
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