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Martin Kenny T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 2333/19

Dear Deputy Kenny

I refer to the above-mentioned Parliamentary Question.

Question

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting to see a psychologist as part of the early intervention assessment in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Martin Kenny T.D.

Answer

The Sligo Leitrim Team has one full time permanent Psychologist.

As of 17/01/2019, there are one hundred and two children on the Early Intervention Psychologist's waiting list, sixty nine in Sligo and thirty three in Leitrim.

The waiting times for these children are as follows;

0-3 months	31 children
4-6 months	24 children
7-9 months	27 children
9+ months	20 children

There is a prioritisation system in place for all referrals to ensure the children with the highest need for psychology input are seen as quickly as possible. All children waiting are actively reviewed on a monthly basis by the Service Manager.

There will be an additional Psychologist providing a number assessments to the Early Intervention Service commencing in February 2019, in order to meet the assessment needs of children requiring psychological assessment in advance of transitioning to National School in September 2019.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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