



10th July 2019

Deputy Eugene Murphy  
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PQ: 28627/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for speech and language therapy in County Galway in 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the average waiting time for children to access speech and language therapy in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In December 2018 the following was the waiting times for speech and language therapy services:

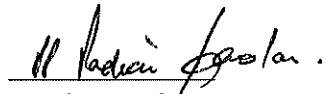
Dec 2018	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months
Waiting initial assessment	438	100	15	0	0
Waiting initial therapy	170	70	5	0	0
Waiting further therapy	827	249	76	1	0

In June 2019 the following is the waiting time for speech and language therapy:

June 2019	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months
Waiting initial assessment	367	75	3	0	0
Waiting initial therapy	196	89	26	1	0
Waiting further therapy	502	245	66	19	10

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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