



Cúram Sláinte  
Phobail, Iarthar  
ag treastal ar Ghailimh  
Maighéo agus Ros Comáin

Community  
Healthcare West  
serving Galway, Mayo  
and Roscommon

Ceannasaí um Chúram Sláinte

An Sean Ionad Sláinte, Sráid an Bhiocáire, Tuaim, Co. na  
Gaillimhe

T: 093 37933 / 091 775923 R: [social.carecho2@hse.ie](mailto:social.carecho2@hse.ie)

Head of Social Care

Old Health Centre, Vicar St., Tuam, Co. Galway.

Tel: 093 37933 / 091 775923 Email: [social.carecho2@hse.ie](mailto:social.carecho2@hse.ie)

**(093) 37951**

Denis Naughten, T.D.,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

**PQ 30069/19**

**'To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list to access speech and language services under a service (the Intellectual Disability Database in County Galway); the measures he is taking to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter'.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

I refer to PQ 30069/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and due for response on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'the number of children on a waiting list to access speech and language services under a service (the Intellectual Disability Database in County Galway); the measures he is taking to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I wish to advise you that the position in County Galway at the end of June 2019 in respect of the number of children on the waiting list to access Speech and Language Therapy under Disability Services is as follows:-


- 99 children were waiting for initial assessment.
- 7 children were waiting for initial intervention.
- 97 children were waiting for further interventions.

These are children accessing Early Intervention and School Age Disability Services. Please note that not all children in Early Intervention Services have an Intellectual Disability but they are deemed to have complex needs and require access to Multi-Disciplinary Team Intervention.

HSE Community Healthcare West expects to deliver fully on its Service Plan commitments in 2019 and this will be achieved within its allocated resources.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

 John Fitzmaurice,  
General Manager,  
Community Healthcare West.