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**PQ 30070/19**

**'To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list to access physiotherapy 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 30070/19 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 physiotherapy 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 physiotherapy services for children in County Galway are provided by HSE Physiotherapy staff and by two voluntary agencies on behalf of the HSE, Enable Ireland and the Brothers of Charity Galway. The information that you have requested is not recorded in a single waiting list, therefore listed below is the available information in respect of the HSE and the two voluntary agencies who provide physiotherapy services for children in Co. Galway.

**HSE Waiting List at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

Waiting time	Number of children
0-12 weeks	131
12-26 weeks	71
26-39 weeks	59
39-52 weeks	47
Over 52 weeks	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>405</b>

## **Brothers of Charity Galway**

The Brothers of Charity Galway maintain physiotherapy waiting lists for Early Intervention and School Age Services. Listed below in tabular format is the information in this regard.

<b>Q/Year</b>	<b>Children on Early Intervention Services Waiting List</b>	<b>Children on School Age Services Waiting List</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2019	5	24

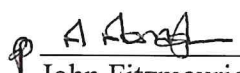
Children in the Brothers of Charity Services are assessed and prioritised for physiotherapy services according to their clinical needs. The Brothers of Charity have three categories for assessed children with Priority One being children with the greatest need for physiotherapy and Priority Three having a lesser need for physiotherapy services.

### **Enable Ireland**

The latest available data from Enable Ireland is that there are currently 18 children on the Waiting List in 2019 with an average waiting time for physiotherapy services of 8 months.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
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