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Deputy John Brassil,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 30927/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to community intervention teams during the first six months of 2019

-John Brassil

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The purpose of a Community Intervention Team (CIT) service is to prevent unnecessary hospital admission or attendance, and to facilitate/enable early discharge of patients appropriate for CIT care. The CIT, through its fast-tracked provision of services enhances the overall primary care system, providing access to nursing and home care support, usually from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week.

The CIT provide a range of services including administration of home IV antibiotics (Out-patient Parenteral Anti-microbial Therapy -OPAT); acute anticoagulation care; acute wound care and dressings; enhanced nurse monitoring following fractures, falls or surgery; care of a patient with a central venous catheter; urinary related care; care of the patient with a respiratory illness; bowel care including ostomy care; short term older person support and care and other medication management/ administration as part of patient's acute intervention package.

There are 16 CITs in place. Please see attached Table 1 which lists these. There were 25,068 referrals to CIT between Jan – June 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

David Walsh,
National Director,
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Table 1: Number of Referrals to each CIT from Jan – Jun 2019

CIT	Referrals Jan – Jun 2019
CIT Sligo	766
CIT Galway	2,615
CIT Roscommon	235
CIT Mid-West	4,037
CIT Cork	1,911
CIT Kerry	480
CIT Carlow/Kilkenny	1,733
CIT South Tipperary	1,442
CIT Waterford	1,762
CIT Wicklow	1,091
CIT Dublin South	3,485
CIT Kildare	507
CIT Laois Offaly	384
CIT Louth	644
CIT Meath	894
CIT Dublin North	3,082
Total	25,068