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Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 23963/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO2 at the end of May 2019 or latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively.

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

I refer to PQ 19863/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 6th June 2019 addressed to the Minister for Health and due for response on 20th June 2019 regarding 'the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO2 at the end of May 2019 or latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and more than 24 months, respectively. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position on a county by county basis.

Co. Galway – City and County

There are five Early Intervention Teams in Galway City and County, details of wait times listed below by Early Intervention Services (EIS) Team:-

Name of SEIS Team @ 31.05.2019	Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months	Waiting 12 – 18 months	Waiting 18 - 24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
Galway City East	9	3	--	--	--	--	-
Galway City West	3	5	--	--	--	--	-
Galway North	10	0	--	--	--	--	-
Galway South & East	4	0	--	--	--	--	-
Galway West	5	0	--	--	--	--	-

Co. Mayo

In Mayo, the Early Intervention Team provide details of wait times listed by discipline as at 31st May 2019.

Months on Waiting List	Occupational Therapy	Physiotherapy	Speech & Language	Psychology
0-3 months	22	22	26	34
3-6 months	17	8	14	11
6-9 months	21	10	13	10
9-12 months	12	9	2	
12-18 months	28	17	0	4
18-24 months	17	0	0	
24+ months	16	0	0	

Co. Roscommon

In relation to Roscommon please see details of wait times listed below that include those who are awaiting initial contact for assessment and those children whom the initial assessment is ongoing but not yet complete:-

Number of children who are waiting for initial contact – 31st May 2019							
Name of Team	Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months	Waiting 12 – 18 months	Waiting 18-24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
Roscommon	19						

The number of children whom the initial assessment is on-going but is not yet complete – 31st May 2019							
Name of Team	Waiting 0 – 3 months	Waiting 3 – 6 months	Waiting 6 – 9 months	Waiting 9 – 12 months	Waiting 12 – 18 months	Waiting 18-24 months	Waiting more than 24 months
Roscommon	14	2					

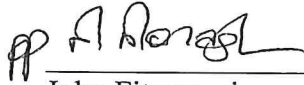
Please note that the initial assessment includes the child being linked with a key worker, identifying the family's priorities, presenting the child's needs and developing a plan to address these. Roscommon EIS aim to complete this process within a 3 month timeframe but depending on the child and family's situation and the capacity of the EIS Team, there may be occasions when it takes a little longer to complete this process.

Please be advised that the children on the above lists may not refer to the same children that were on the waiting lists in March or April 2019 as this is a live register i.e. it is constantly changing depending on where each child is in the Early Intervention Service.

The lists also include those children not able to engage in the completion of the process agreed as part of the initial assessment which can be due to the child being sick / hospitalised or the family not engaging with services. The Early Intervention Teams are linking with Tusla and Family Support Services where appropriate in such cases.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Fitzmaurice', written in a cursive style.

John Fitzmaurice
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