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Deputy Eugene Murphy,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Dear Deputy Murphy,

Re: PQ 25358/19 (Health)

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the ENT outpatient waiting list at Roscommon County Hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; the average waiting period by triage category; the steps being taken to address the waiting periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

The following table outlines the no. of patients on the ENT outpatient waiting list at Roscommon University Hospital and average waiting time by triage category at the end June 2019. Unfortunately, as the waiting list is based on a live database, I do not have a record of the data by triage category for the previous periods requested.

ENT Outpatient Waiting List		
	Jun-19	
Triage Category	No. on waiting list	Longest Waiting Time
Urgent	7	May-19
Soon	310	Nov-16
Routine	645	Nov-15
Awaiting Triage	13	Jun-19
Total	975	

The ENT service is a high volume service, with capacity deficits across the Saolta Group and nationally. The service in Roscommon is an outreach service, and urgent patients are prioritised. Unfortunately, there are currently no additional resources available for extra clinics. We are validating the waiting list on an ongoing basis, and have a text message reminder service for patients in order to ensure that the current resources are maximised.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Garvey
General Manager