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Mr Maurice Quinlivan  
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**Re: PQ ref 2610119 – Waiting list for Psychology Services for children in County Limerick**

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

*I wish to refer to your Parliamentary Question above, “to ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for psychology services for children in County Limerick; the number waiting for the school age and the early intervention service by the number of months spent on the waiting list in tabular form: and if he will make a statement on the matter”*

At the end of May 2019, 160 children are on a waiting list for Primary Care Psychology Services. All referrals are triaged and are prioritised on a clinical needs basis. See table 1 for a breakdown of the waiting times.

**Table 1 – Primary Care Child and Family Psychology Services waiting times, May 2019**

<b>No of children waiting less than 12 weeks</b>	25
<b>No. of children waiting between 12 and 26 weeks</b>	55
<b>No. of children waiting between 26 and 39 weeks</b>	20
<b>No. of children waiting between 39 and 52 weeks</b>	22
<b>No. of children waiting more than 52 weeks</b>	38

The Early Intervention and School Age Teams provide Psychology Services, however the teams are based on family centred practice and as a result the majority of the interventions are not discipline specific as they are based on parental goals. The teams do not hold discipline specific waiting lists. 272 children are on the Early Intervention and School Age Teams waiting lists for Limerick City and County at the end of May 2019. See table 2 for a breakdown of the waiting times.

**Table 2 – Early Intervention and School Age Teams waiting times, May 2019**

<b>No. of clients waiting less than 3 months</b>	126
<b>No. of clients waiting between 3 to 12 month</b>	141
<b>No. of clients waiting more than 12 months</b>	5

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

**Yours sincerely,**

*p.p. Jean Gubbin*  
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