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Mr Eugene Murphy, TD
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RE: PQ27208/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of Speech Therapists assigned to a service (School Age Services) in County Roscommon; the number of children on the waiting list for Speech Therapy with the service to date; the average ; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

11 WTE Speech & Language Therapists (SLT's) are assigned to Primary Care to provide services to Paediatrics. Each therapist sees children who are preschool and those who are of school age. This service is run by HSE.

There are 3 WTE SLT's assigned to the School Age Disability Team. This team is jointly run by Bros. of Charity and HSE.

Waiting Times for access to SLT in Primary Care include those for preschoolers as well as those for school age children and cannot be disaggregated. The figures below are from May 2019 statistics. Please note that the bulk of the referrals to School Aged Team had not been received at this time.

Waiting List for Initial Assessment

Time Waiting	Primary Care Paediatrics 0-18 years	School Age Disability Team
0 – 4 months	167	5
4 – 8 months	0	0
8 – 12 months	0	0
12 – 18 months	0	0
18 – 24 months	0	0

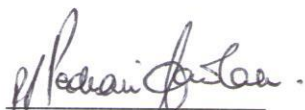
Waiting List for Initial Therapy

Time Waiting	Primary Care Paediatrics 0-18 years	School Age Disability Team
0 – 4 months	93	0
4 – 8 months	6	0
8 – 12 months	0	0
12 – 18 months	0	0
18 – 24 months	0	0

The Management Information Returns for SLT does not include average waiting times.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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