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Maighéo agus Ros Comáin

Community  
Healthcare West  
serving Galway, Mayo  
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### **PQ 19863/19**

**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 April 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 addressed to the Minister for Health and due for response on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 regarding 'the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO2 at the end of April 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 @ 30.04.2019	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	5	10	--	--	--	--	-
Galway City West	3	2	--	--	--	--	-
Galway North	9	1	--	--	--	--	-
Galway South & East	8	0	--	--	--	--	-
Galway West	8	0	--	--	--	--	-

## **Co. Mayo**

In Mayo, the Early Intervention Team provide details of wait times listed by discipline as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

<b>Months on Waiting List</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	<b>Physiotherapy</b>	<b>Speech &amp; Language</b>
0-3 months	16	15	20
3-6 months	23	6	12
6-9 months	13	15	4
9-12 months	30	22	7
12-18 months	20	0	0
18-24 months	15	0	0
24+ months	14	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>43</b>

In addition to the above, 9 further children were accepted to Mayo Early Intervention Services in April 2019. The clinicians will conduct initial visits within a 4 week timeframe to ascertain which discipline interventions are required for these additional 9 children and this will in turn determines assessment timelines. For that reason information sought up to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 is not yet available.

## **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:-

<b>Number of children who are waiting for initial contact – end of April 2019</b>							
<b>Name of Team</b>	<b>Waiting 0 – 3 months</b>	<b>Waiting 3 – 6 months</b>	<b>Waiting 6 – 9 months</b>	<b>Waiting 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>Waiting 12 – 18 months</b>	<b>Waiting 18-24 months</b>	<b>Waiting more than 24 months</b>
Roscommon	7						

### **In April 2019, please note:-**

- 4 new referrals were received and are being processed.
- 6 referrals were processed and are waiting for link worker to be assigned at next monthly team meeting.
- 8 children in stage one, have been assigned a link worker and waiting for next team meeting for update on initial contact.

<b>The number of children whom the initial assessment is on-going but is not yet complete – end of April 2019</b>							
<b>Name of Team</b>	<b>Waiting 0 – 3 months</b>	<b>Waiting 3 – 6 months</b>	<b>Waiting 6 – 9 months</b>	<b>Waiting 9 – 12 months</b>	<b>Waiting 12 – 18 months</b>	<b>Waiting 18-24 months</b>	<b>Waiting more than 24 months</b>
Roscommon	2	10	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

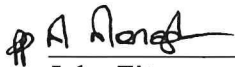
be occasions when it takes a little longer to complete this process.

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 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



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