



21st May 2019

Ms. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, TD,
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Re: 22646 PQ 19870/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for assessment by early intervention teams in each LHO area in CHO 9 at the end of April 2019 or the 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,

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.

Currently there are three Early Intervention Teams (EITs) providing services across CHO Dublin North City and County (DNCC) and the number of children waiting for assessment by time period on the 10th May 2019 is detailed in tabular format hereunder:

Waiting time	No. of children waiting for EIT assessment
0 – 3 months	128
3 – 6 months	107
6 – 9 months	108
9 – 12 months	92
12 – 18 months	126
18 – 24 months	84
24+ months	122

The CHO DNCC population comprises of 25% children which is higher than any other CHO area nationally and consequently there is high demand for Early Intervention Services. We have recruited five additional staff and assigned them to the Early Intervention Team in North Dublin which has the longest waiting times. All of the additional posts are in place since Quarter one 2019. This will allow a greater number of children on the waiting list receive appointments from the service. Applications through Early Intervention Services are dealt with in order of date of application.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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