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Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2

PQ 41430/19

To ask the Minister for Health the length of time persons are waiting for an assessment with the NDT in County Kildare; the reason for delay in assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter

-Fiona O'Loughlin

Dear Deputy

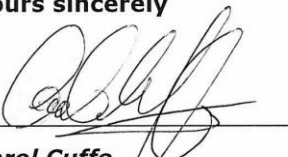
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The waiting times for Assessment of Need in Kildare West Wicklow is approximately 18 months. The delays are due to a lack of assessment resources available to AON. Funding for around 120 cases has been made available since early 2018. During that time 430 new applications have been received.

Increased demands for children's services far outweigh the current resources available to Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow. Three dedicated AON Teams are being recruited and it is intended to address the backlog in Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare. Teams are due to commence before the end of 2019.

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

Yours sincerely



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