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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 41449/19

To ask the Minister for Health the length of the waiting list for audiology services for children under 18 years of age in counties Laois and Offaly by county - Brian Stanley. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 outline the position as follows.

Please note that available statistics are recorded compositely as Laois/Offaly.

Audiology Age Bands	Category	Measure in Weeks waiting
0 – 4 yrs	Longest waiting on treatment waiting list	156 Weeks
5 – 17 yrs	Longest waiting on treatment waiting list	140 Weeks

Please note there are a number of vacancies in our Audiology services which have eroded our capacity however, we continue to seek derogation to fill these vacancies from the national office and in the interim have some part time audiologists working on the wait list.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer CHO Area 8