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**PQ 17933/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting access to a speech and language therapist in CHO 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Denise Mitchell**

Dear Deputy Mitchell,

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.

Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy services across CHO Dublin North City and County (DNCC) accept referrals for children (aged from 0 to 18 years) and Adults over 18 years who are resident in the area. Children and Adults whose referrals are accepted to the service are seen for an initial assessment appointment and therapeutic intervention is offered as appropriate to assessed communication needs.

The National Key Performance Indicators (KPI) process requires the capture of information in a specified format. The figures below reflect CHO DNCC for June 2020 and are the most up to date available under the KPI process. The current number of children and adults awaiting access to Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy are summarised as follows:

<b>Waiting List Primary Care SLT - CHO DNCC Children &amp; Adults June 2020</b>	<b>0-4 mths</b>	<b>4 mths &amp; 1 day- 8 mths</b>	<b>8 mths &amp; 1 day - 12 mths</b>	<b>12 mths &amp; 1 day - 18 mths</b>	<b>18 mths &amp; 1 day - 24 mths</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Waiting Assessment	493	940	572	425	25	<b>2455</b>
Total Number waiting initial therapy	161	405	513	257	17	<b>1353</b>
Total number waiting further therapy	746	931	867	540	19	<b>3103</b>

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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