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**Re: 26787 PQ Ref 19835-20 Number of persons awaiting appointments for EIT by therapy**

‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in Dublin 7 and 15 that are awaiting an appointment for early intervention by therapy in tabular form; the number that are waiting less than 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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 for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The number of children waiting in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) for Early Intervention Team (EIT) Services in Dublin 7 and 15 is as follows:

1.	60 children waiting 6 months or less
2.	69 Children waiting between 6 & 12 months
3.	102 children waiting 12 months plus

There is currently a high demand for Early Intervention Services throughout CHO DNCC and in particular the North Dublin region. CHO DNCC is working proactively with the HSE National Disability Office to address these issues.

There are a growing number of local factors driving this demand, namely the increasing child population and growth in terms of children presenting with complex needs. Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 pandemic emergency has further temporarily impacted on EIT waiting times.

I understand each parent’s priority is for their child and I empathise with their frustration.

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

Yours sincerely,

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