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PQ 20391/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for speech and language therapy in North County Dublin – Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) service in the Dublin North area within CHO Dublin North City and County (DNCC) accepts referrals for children (aged from 0 to 18 years) who are resident in the area. Children 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.

Children who are resident in the Dublin North area within CHO DNCC with complex needs are referred to, and attend, other Disability and Mental Health service providers in the area, such as HSE Children's Disability Teams, St Michaels House, Daughters of Charity services, Central Remedial Clinic, HSE CAMHs. SLT services are provided there as a component of multidisciplinary team interventions.

The HSE's National Key Performance Indicators (KPI) process requires the monthly capture of information in a specified format. The figures below were submitted in June 2020 for CHO DNCC (Dublin North). The current number of children awaiting access to the Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy service in the Dublin North area is summarised as follows:

Waiting List Primary Care SLT for Children June 2020	0-4 mths	4 mths & 1 day- 8 mths	8 mths & 1 day - 12 mths	12 mths & 1 day - 18 mths	18 mths & 1 day - 24 mths	TOTALS
Waiting Assessment	113	419	210	56	0	798
Total Number waiting initial therapy	22	225	360	147	0	754
Total number waiting further therapy	170	616	604	256	0	1646

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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