



11th March 2020.

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Re: PQ 2823/20

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for intervention support in Galway and Roscommon ASD, by 1, 2, 3, 4 and more than 5 years, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte

I refer to PQ 2823/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 3rd March 2020 and due for response on the 18th March 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children waiting for intervention support in Galway and Roscommon ASD, by 1, 2, 3, 4 and more than 5 years, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I wish to advise that in response to the long waiting times experienced by children and families, a Waiting List Initiative was established in 2017, offering support to children and families on the Intervention and Assessment waitlists. Almost 150 children on the Intervention waitlist have benefitted from this Initiative to date. The number of children currently on the Intervention Waitlist Register is 361. This does not include 81 referrals that are waiting to be processed of which 38 are for Intervention.

As per your request, listed below details of numbers of children waiting to receive Intervention support from the Galway Roscommon ASD (GR ASD) Service:-


Year	Number of children waiting for Intervention Support from GRASD
2014	1 (re-referred in 2020)
2016	54
2017	68
2018	137
2019	101
2020	38

HSE Community Healthcare West has committed to the reconfiguration of the Galway Roscommon ASD Service (GR ASD). The team of clinicians will be prioritising the work of the reconfiguration over the coming months which will involve assessing the current needs of the GR ASD caseload.

The Galway Roscommon ASD Service deeply regrets the delay experienced by children and their families and acknowledges the difficulties experienced and continues to address the situation within the resources allocated to the service.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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