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**Re: PQ 3763/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Louth waiting for occupational therapy initial assessments; and the length of time they have been waiting – Ruairí Ó Murchú**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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.

There were 803 children awaiting an initial assessment at the end of February 2020; 160 of these waiting in the 0-12 weeks bracket, 115 waiting in the 12-26 weeks bracket, 96 waiting in the 26-39 weeks bracket, 93 waiting in the 39-52 weeks bracket, and 339 waiting in excess of 52 weeks.

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  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation