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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 38967/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of preschool and school going age children between 4 and 18 year years of age waiting to be seen by a psychologist in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; the number waiting in excess of 6, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively in tabular form. -Brian Stanley**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 response as follows.

The number of preschool and school going age children between 4 and 18 year years of age waiting to be seen by a psychologist in County Laois and County Offaly, are provided in the tables below.

Please be advised that the HSE MLM CHO Laois Offaly Children's Disability Service can only provide data as per table below as it is not broken down further due to the data collection system. HSE MLM CHO Laois Offaly Children's Disability Psychology Service is provided by two HSE employed psychologists and two agency psychologists and a senior HSE psychologist in Laois is currently on maternity leave (returning January 2021).

Primary Care psychology services are delivered via 5 qualified psychologists, 1 post remains vacant.

#### Primary Care

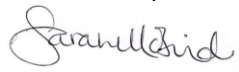
	0-6 months Waiting	6-12 months Waiting	12-18 months Waiting	18-24 months Waiting	Over 24 months	Totals
Laois 4-18yrs	103	36	0	0	0	139
Offaly 4-18yrs	37	131	0	0	0	168

#### HSE MLM CHO Laois Offaly Children's Disability Services

	6 months Waiting	6- 12 months Waiting	53+ weeks waiting
Laois 4-18yrs	40	76	427
Offaly 4-18yrs	29	51	374

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah McBride'.

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