

Oifig Sarah McBride, Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí. **(: 057 9359787/774** \*D: <u>CH08@hse.ie</u> Office of Ms. Sarah McBride, Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation, Health Service Executive, Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly **(: 057 9359787/774** ♥**(:** <u>CHO8@hse.ie</u>)

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Mr. Brian Stanley T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 38969/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for speech and language therapy 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.

Hereunder is children waiting times for speech and language therapy in counties Laois and Offaly. This is the format used in capturing/reporting on wait times.

Laois Offaly Children Waiting for Speech and Language Therapy – October, 2020

	Waiting assessment	Waiting initial Therapy	Waiting Further Therapy
4-8 months	381	32	176
8-12 months	141	103	52
12-18 months	251	96	39
18-24 months	59	63	42
24+	7	1	10

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,

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