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Deputy Patricia Ryan, TD
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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the backlog in the number of persons awaiting an early intervention by therapy appointment in County Kildare and west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- Patricia Ryan TD

Dear Deputy Ryan.

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

During these unprecedented times our staff have been redeployed to COVID activities and gathering the information requested is proving very difficult for us. The HSE does not collect the data in format requested. Assessments and interventions are team based and not discipline/therapy specific.

The HSE Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Early Intervention Teams (EIT) are operating at 55% capacity due to the numerous staff redeployed to COVID-19 related activities, Assessment of Need (AON) and general vacant posts. Plans to address the waiting lists will be implemented when the teams are back to full capacity.

Ann O'Shea, Chief Officer will be making arrangements to meet with the Public Representatives in the near future and will be happy to answer any queries you may have also.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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