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Mr Charlie Flanagan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 18281/21

To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for appointments for therapies (details supplied) in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Charles Flanagan

Details - I am seeking the waiting times for Assessment of Need/speech and language therapy, psychology and occupation therapy service which are within the remit of the HSE.

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

Assessment of Need is not a therapeutic or interventional service and as such does not have a waiting list. It is guided by timeframes for completion as outlined in the legislation. Due to the recent cyber-attack the system used to process all applications was not available for use, therefore any activity during this time period is not captured in the data available. It is anticipated that it will take 1 month to retrospectively enter all the activity carried out during this time and to issue the completed assessments to the families. Accurate data will only be available at that time. Based on planned activity levels and output during this period it is anticipated that in Laois Offaly, Longford Westmeath and Louth all assessments have been completed or are planned for completion within legislated timeframes Meath remains out of compliance with the Disability Act and has approximately 72 assessments outside of the time frames.

Please see breakdown of those waiting by therapy as requested:

Service	Children
Speech & Language Therapy	305
Occupational Therapy	2610
Psychology	134

Service	Adults
Speech & Language Therapy	836
Occupational Therapy	1946
Psychology	123

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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