

11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 19266/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for early intervention in Cork North Lee services in March 2020 and in April 2021.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Children’s Disability services in North Lee, South Lee and North Cork are currently undergoing a significant reconfiguration programme under the National Progressing Disability Service Programme and the National Access Policy. Children with complex needs were reconfigured into Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNT) in April 2021. The CDNT will aim to provide timely access to supports and appropriate interdisciplinary interventions to children with complex needs and disability. Children are currently transitioning to the new services and being assigned to the new teams based on their home address or special school address. Once the caseloads are finalised the team managers will be in a position to establish the waiting times for the children in each team and plan for the appropriate interventions and goals for each child under the Individual Family Service Plan (ISFP).

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely,



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