



Mr. Aodhán Ó’Riordáin, TD  
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**PQ 19550/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for children to commence accessing services in speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, school aged disability teams and psychological therapy in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Aodhán Ó’Riordáin**

Dear Deputy Ó’Riordáin,

In the first instance I would like to apologise for the delay in responding due to the cyber-attack.

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 the following outlines the position.

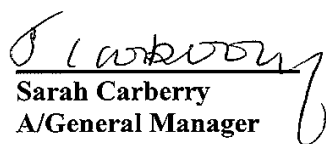
In Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC), figures are recorded via Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and are inclusive of School Aged Team figures. Unfortunately, it is not possible to extract average waiting times across all services, however we have given the figures as recorded through the KPI process within the waiting bands reported per service. Whilst the figures given are totals for CHO DNCC, it should be noted that waiting times can vary across the three local health areas.

<b>Waiting Time</b>	<b>Speech and Language Therapy Waiting Initial Assessment</b>
0-4 mths	568
4 mths & 1 day- 8 mths	567
8 mths & 1 day - 12 mths	289
12 mths & 1 day - 18 mths	712
18 mths & 1 day - 24 mths	226
Over 24 months	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>2492</b>

<b>Waiting Time</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy Waiting Initial Assessment</b>	<b>Psychology Waiting Initial Assessment</b>
0 – 12 Weeks	276	135
12 -26 Weeks	327	139
26 – 39 weeks	238	102
39 – 52 weeks	143	96
Over 52 weeks	1617	1376
<b>Total</b>	<b>2601</b>	<b>1848</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**

  
**Sarah Carberry**  
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