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Mr Sean Fleming T.D.,
Minister of State,
Department of Finance,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 62501/21

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the waiting times for behavioural therapy and speech and language therapy for children by county (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Fleming

(Details) - For Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath, Meath & Louth. The number of people waiting between 6 and 12 months for this service, between 1&2 years for this service, between 2&3years and over 3years

Dear Minister Fleming,

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. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Primary Care SLT Waiting Times

Laois	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
0-4 months	116	98	41
4-8 months	0	69	10
8-12 months	0	0	0
12-18 months	0	0	0
18-24 months	0	0	0
24 + months	0	0	0



Offaly	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
0-4 months	114	46	15
4-8 months	0	26	18
8-12 months	0	0	23
12-18 months	0	0	4
18-24 months	0	8	0
24 + months	0	1	0

** The wait times of 24 months refer to 1 clinic in Offaly , Edenderry. This clinic was closed for 16 months. Clients were offered appointments in Tullamore during the time the clinic was closed however many could not travel. As a result many families needed to stay on the waiting list until the clinic in Edenderry resumed.

Louth	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
0-4 months	314	4	0
4-8 months	46	0	0
8-12 months	0	0	0
12-18 months	0	0	0
18-24 months	0	0	0
24 + months	0	0	0

Longford	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
6 – 12 mths	96	54	77
1 – 2 Years	0	0	0
2 – 3 Years	0	0	0
>3 Years	0	0	0



Westmeath	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
6 – 12 mths	409	12	167
1 – 2 Years	77	0	2
2 – 3 Years	0	0	0
>3 Years	0	0	0

Meath	Initial Assessment	Initial Therapy	Further Therapy
0-4 months	395	3	6
4-8 months	119	0	0
8-12 months	17	0	0
12 months and over	0	0	0

The Meath Service does not hold waiting times in the 6-12 mths, 1yr-2yr, 2-3yr and over 3yrs categories that this PQ requests and as such the response is as per the information the service collects.

The longest waiter in Meath had been waiting 47 weeks.

Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) have been established under the National Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People programme of change. The CDNT provides interdisciplinary supports for children and young people aged 0-18 years with complex needs. Supports are centred on the needs and priorities identified by the family and goals set through the Individual Family Support Plan. Waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs.

Every effort is being made by the HSE to ensure that all children receive timely access to services including assessments of their needs.



I trust the above is in order, 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.

Des O'Flynn
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