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To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for audiology appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway for children and adults; his plans to address the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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 the following outlines the position.

In Roscommon Primary Care the current waiting time for new paediatric referrals is 56 weeks, and 76 weeks for new adult referrals. In Galway Primary Care the current wait time for new paediatric referrals is 55 weeks, and 72 weeks for new adult referrals.

We had a successful recruitment drive through the NRS with 3 new WTE posts filled across CHO West and also local approval for backfill with agency staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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