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**Re: PQ 55644/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently on the waiting list for early intervention services; the length of time they have they been on the waiting list in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Kenny

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.

The newly established Children’s Disability Network Team (0-18 years) is providing assessment and intervention using an Interdisciplinary Team Approach in line with the national Progressing Disability Services for Children & Young People Programme. This means that children referred for a first time appointment are seen jointly by relevant disciplines of the team. The disciplines involved may include Psychology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and identified Key Workers.

In Sligo there are currently 47 children awaiting a first time assessment appointment with the Children’s Disability Network Team. The average waiting time is between 10 and 11 months.

In Leitrim there are currently 10 children awaiting a first time assessment appointment with the Children’s Disability Network Team. The average waiting time is between 4 and 5 months.

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,

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