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Re: Parliamentary Question – 56588/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for speech and language therapy in the Spraoi Centre, Portlaoise; and the number waiting in excess of 6 and 12 months, respectively. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley

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 response:

In relation to numbers waiting in the Spraoi centre for SLT , we do not collate data for those waiting over 6 months but there are 43 children waiting more than 4 months for initial therapy and 4 waiting for further therapy.

Social Care Disability response:

Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) have been established under the National Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People programme of change. There are now two (2) teams in Laois namely Spraoi and Barrow CDNT both currently operating out of the Spraoi Centre.

The Progressing Disability Services model is an interdisciplinary model and as such waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs.

The two (2) teams are currently undertaking a review of all the services and at this present time there are 850 children registered with the Spraoi CDNT and 300 children from Laois registered with the Barrow CDNT.

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,

Des O'Flynn
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