

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question – 56591/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for occupational 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:**

Please note this is both Primary Care and Disability Service OT combined, in the Spraoi Centre

October 2021	0-12 wks	12-26wks	26-39 wks	39-52wks	52+wks	Total
0-5 year old	31	41	51	24	197	344
5-18 year old	50	45	46	40	633	814
<b>Total</b>						<b>1,158</b>

**Social Care Disability response:**

Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (MLM CHO) Laois Disability Services can confirm that the Spraoi Centre is fully operational.

Laois is reconfigured into Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) Networks 11 & 12. CDNT's 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 CDNT Network 12 and Barrow CDNT Network 11 both currently operating out of the Spraoi Centre. 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 Network 12 and 300 children from Laois registered with the Barrow CDNT Network 11.

I trust the above is in order but 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.

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Des O'Flynn  
Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation