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**PQ 47984/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for west Galway (Ability West Galway) by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form”.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to PQ 47984/21 uploaded on the PAD System on 30th September 2021 and due for response on 15th October 2021 regarding representations made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for west Galway (Ability West Galway) by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ 47984/21. The following response outlines the position.

Children's Disability Services are currently going through a process of reconfiguration in line with the Progressing Disabilities Services (PDS). In line with PDS policy, children will receive their service on the basis of their home address i.e. home address will determine the network team the child will receive their service from. As reconfiguration is still ongoing at this time, it is not possible to determine the waiting list in each network including the waiting list times for those children on the Ability West caseload in Galway. There are waiting lists for each discipline across each network and this will become clearer when reconfiguration is complete.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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