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Re: Forwarded PQ ref 39110/22 - Early Intervention Waitlist - DSPQ19019(8)

Details:

Number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that are waiting an appointment for early intervention, broken down by therapy; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months broken down in tabular form. - Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the number of persons in counties Cavan and Monaghan that are waiting an appointment for early intervention, broken down by therapy; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3-6, 6-12 and more than 12 months broken down in tabular form. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that taking "Early Intervention" to mean those children aged 0-6 years whose therapeutic needs fall under the remit of the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) as per the National Access Policy, the numbers are detailed below for both the Cavan and Monaghan CDNTs by waiting periods. CDNTs operate a team based service and data is not collated for individual therapies.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) Manager Cavan has advised that the following table details the number of children waiting for early intervention.

0-3mths	3-6mths	6-12mths	>12mths	Total
13	23	42	69	147

Of the 147 children waiting, 71 have had an Assessment of Need (AON) completed under the Disability Act and are now waitlisted for intervention, and a further 13 are in process for their AON to be completed. That leaves 63 children who did not come through the Assessment of Need process, but were referred directly to CDNT [services and](#) are waiting to be seen for assessment and/or intervention.

The Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) Manager Monaghan has advised that the following table details the number of children waiting for early intervention.

0-3mths	3-6mths	6-12mths	>12mths	Total
8	14	11	20	53



There are 135 children receiving current active intervention. These children although active on the caseload, are not receiving the level of service clinically determined as being required due to demands on the service exceeding capacity.

There are also 45 children awaiting assessment via direct referral and outsourced assessments being sought under the waiting list initiative in place. The intervention requirement of this cohort has not been ascertained as the CDNT have not become directly involved with this group of children as yet.

The total number of children awaiting Early Intervention in counties Cavan and Monaghan is as follows;

0-3mths	3-6mths	6-12mths	>12mths	Total
21	37	53	89	200

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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