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Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail Lár Tire,  
An Lú, An Mhí

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Mr Joe Flaherty T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 34437/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are awaiting ASD assessments at the PDS 8 service in County Longford; and the average wait time for this service as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022.**

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

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 outlined the position as follows.

There are 186 children awaiting diagnostic screening and/or assessment for Autism spectrum disorder on the CDNT 8 Longford.

The current average wait time for diagnostic screening and/or assessment for Autism spectrum disorder on the CDNT 8 Longford is 31 months.

However 37 children have been waiting over 48 months for diagnostic screening and/or assessment for Autism spectrum disorder on the CDNT 8 Longford.

This is based on current staffing levels. Wait times will reduce as vacant positions are successfully recruited. These vacant positions are actively going through the recruitment process.



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  
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