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Re: PQ/58404/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Clare referred and waiting to be seen by CDNT services by length of time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne

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 the following outlines the position.

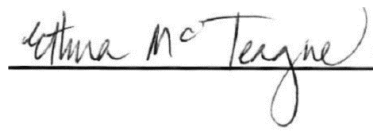
Please find below table which lists the number of Children and how long each Child is waiting in days:

No of children	Length of time waiting
13	1 month or less
5	2 months
8	3 months
4	4 months
1	5 months
3	6 months
1	7 months
2	8 months
2	9 months
3	10 months
Total 42	1-10 months

There is a waiting period for access to the Clare Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT). The HSE are aware that there is a staffing resource challenge across all teams within the Midwest as caseloads have risen significantly over the past 10 years and the Midwest Community Healthcare is continuously highlighting this need with submissions for additional resources. The HSE also review resources on a regular basis to allocate any available additional funding to priority areas. The Clare CDNT continues to monitor the waiting times and availability of supports, and continues to seek additional resources accordingly.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catha McTearne". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line that spans the width of the text.

General Manager, Disability Services
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