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**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting an assessment of need in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Naughten

I refer to PQ/52739/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and due for response on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children currently awaiting an assessment of need in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that we do not operate waiting lists for Assessment of Need (AoN) as we apply the statutory timeframe allowed for in the Disability Act, however, some assessments do run over as detailed below:-

- 26 assessments are overdue for completion at the end of Sept 2022 (24 Galway and 2 in Roscommon)
- The majority are overdue as AoN timeframes were extended to include further assessment identified following the High Court Ruling in March 2022 (Justice Phelan CTM and JA v the HSE)
- All overdue assessments are currently in progress.

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

Yours sincerely

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