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Mr Denis Naughten, TD
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RE: PQ52803-22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting physiotherapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time that they have been on the waiting list; the current wait time for an appointment; the steps that are being taken to address waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Naughten

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.

1. Number of children awaiting Physiotherapy appointments

- Galway: 560
- Roscommon: 198

2. Length of times on waiting list / Current wait time for an appointment:

Galway:

- 0 - 12 Weeks 180
- 12 - 26 Weeks 130
- 26 - 39 Weeks 67
- 39 - 52 Weeks 31
- Over 52 Weeks 151

Roscommon: Most referrals deemed urgent, the children are seen within three weeks. Those with less clinical urgency may be waiting up to 10 months at present.

3. Steps being taken to address waiting list:

- Staff increase.
- Re-organisation of the staffing resource into networks to improve efficiencies and communication.
- Additional funding to improve training.
- Prioritisation system to ensure that children with the most urgent clinical needs are treated first.
- Improved organisational structures to improve patient pathways.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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