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Deputy Denis Naughten Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 52918/22: To ask the Minister for Health the digital solutions that he is exploring to target physiotherapy waiting lists both for adults and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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.

The HSE continues to consider all available opportunities in an effort to reduce waiting list times for Community Primary Care therapy services, to include physiotherapy, for both adults and children.

With particular regard to digital solutions, there are a number of programmes of work currently in progress. These include Attend Anywhere a web-based platform that helps health care providers offer video call access to their patients as part of their 'business as usual', day to day operations as well as the procurement of an Integrated Community Case Management System a long term objective which will help support the management of client waiting lists into the future. The Integrated Community eHealth and ICT Programme continues to deliver and oversee agreed priorities and investment for community ICT infrastructure and solutions.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Yours sincerely,

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