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Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 46779/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently awaiting an occupational therapy assessment in each LHO area in CHO8; the number waiting for treatment in each LHO area in CHO8; and the number in each category waiting for more than 12 months. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 with relevant colleagues and I outline the position as follows.

Social Care Disabilities

Children's Disability Network Teams:

Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People is being rolled out across the CHO and this will mean a change in how services are being provided to children with disability.

Waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs. There will be one multi-disciplinary team which will provide a more integrated model of service delivery.

The CDNTs are currently reviewing all children within the service and in the process of planning and delivering on Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) for children within the service. An IFSP is an Individual Family Support Plan and is developed by the family, child and the members of the CDNT. It guides how the team supports the child.

This is a process which requires getting to know the child and their needs (if not already known), preparing the family to create the IFSP and the development of the document along with the development of the supports to address the identified goals which include universal, targeted, and individual supports. Each IFSP is estimated to take up to 12 clinical hours across 2-3 staff to develop over a period of 6 weeks. This does not include the supports delivered after the IFSP to meet the goals and priorities identified.



Children with non-complex needs will likely not receive an IFSP, but will require MDT supports.

Whilst waiting on provision of an IFSP, children can be provided some other Universal Supports inputs prior to this date depending on the need (Universal Supports are first line of input in format of groups, team facilitation, standardised parent workshops etc. MLM CHO are currently developing waitlist initiatives which families can avail of while awaiting their IFSP.

Adult Services:

Laois/Offaly: Adult Occupational Therapy Services are managed/co-ordinated by the Occupational Therapy Manager Primary Care - number of adults waiting on an OT assessment will be included in the figure provided by primary care.

Longford/Westmeath: Adult Occupational Therapy Services are managed/co-ordinated by the Occupational Therapy Manager Primary Care – number of adults waiting on an OT assessment will be included in the figure provided by primary care.

Louth/Meath – table below out details the number of adults waiting on an OT assessment.

	Physical /Sensory & ID	Waiting more than 12mths
Louth Number of adults waiting for OT assessment	34	2
Meath Number of persons waiting for OT assessment	97	14

Primary Care:

County	Number waiting for OT Assessment	Number waiting for treatment	Waiting more than 12 months
Louth	1,344	98	400
Meath	1,186	0	140
Laois/Offaly	1827	1234	366
Longford/Westmeath	773	265	0



Mental Health Services

I can confirm there are 54 adults waiting for Occupational Therapy in the Adult Mental Health Services in Longford Westmeath. No service users are waiting for more than 12 months within this service.

There are 70 adults waiting for Occupational Therapy in the Adult Mental Health Services in Laois Offaly. No service users are waiting more than 12 months within this service.

There are 26 adults waiting for Occupational Therapy in the Adult Mental Health Services in Louth. 15 service users are waiting more than 12 months within this service

There are 23 adults waiting for Occupational Therapy in the Adult Mental Health Services in Meath. No service users are waiting more than 12 months within this service.

I trust the above is in order and 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 over a horizontal line.

Des O'Flynn
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