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Ms. Verona Murphy TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of children on a wait list for services with the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; the average wait times for children to access services with the CDNT in New Ross; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current number of children awaiting an assessment of needs with the children's disability network teams in New Ross, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following Composite Response outlines the current position.

The Parliamentary Questions posed by you in relation to waiting times for individual specialties does not align with the model of service or with the type of waiting lists we hold and therefore cannot be answered in that way. I can advise that the current average wait time for children to access services with CDNT New Ross is 20 months.

The provision of an interdisciplinary model as outlined in PDS and the ratio of staffing to child and family required to respond to complex needs is high. The allocation of staff to the CDNTs is below what is required, even if fully staffed.

All children on CDNT registers are likely to be waiting for some aspect of their intervention. As an interdisciplinary service, vacancies for some disciplines can further restrict the capacity to provide an intervention that requires more than one discipline.

The following table reflects the total number of children assigned to CDNT New Ross. All of these require some level of therapeutic input and may be waiting for one or more interventions.

CDNT	No. of Children Assigned and Accepted to CDNT Gorey	No. of Clinical Staff Currently assigned to the CDNT
CDNT – Network 8 New Ross	258	4.39 WTE



I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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