

Deputy Matt Carthy
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

15th March 2023

Re: PQ 7364/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting appointments with occupational therapy in County Monaghan; and the numbers waiting over 1 month, over 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 months, over 1 year, over 18 months and over 2 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

I refer to you recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please note that Waiting Times are only captured by the following time periods, as per HSE Performance Data.

| Waiting Times | 0-3 months | 3-6 months | 6-9 months | 9-12 months | Over 12 months | Over 18 months | Over 24 months |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Disability Services | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 30 |
| *Mental Health Services | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary Care Services | 27 | 24 | 15 | 13 | 65 | 0 | 0 |

***Mental Health Services Note**

There are 17 children presently on the Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service Occupational Therapy Waiting list from Co. Monaghan. In 2022, internal funding was provided to address the OT service delivery gap identified in the South Monaghan/South Cavan CAMHS team. This post was vacant for a few months, however a new employee has recently commenced, which will have a positive impact on the current waiting list.



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dermot', written above a horizontal line.

Dermot Monaghan
Priomhoifigeach
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