

17th July 2023

Deputy Michael McNamara
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Email: Michael.McNamara@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ/32687/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children awaiting appointments and assessments with early intervention services in counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary; the average waiting time for persons on the list in each county on 1 June 2022 and 1 June 2023, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy McNamara

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

I can confirm that the number of children waiting for assessment by Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT) in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary are as follows:

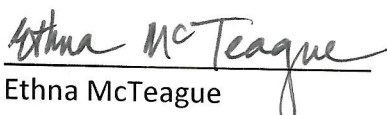
Clare	Limerick	North Tipperary
64	771	346

The average waiting time for services by the CDNT in Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary are as follows:

Average waiting times	Clare	Limerick	North Tipperary
June 2022	6.5 months	9.7 months	14.5 months
June 2023	10.5 months	10 months	18.8 months

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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