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“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide in tabular form the number of children waiting to be seen by children's disability network teams in counties Roscommon and Galway.”

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

I refer to PQ 32777/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 30th June 2023 and due for response on the 17th July 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children waiting to be seen by Children’s Disability Network Teams in counties Roscommon and Galway in CHO2 in tabular form”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

With regard to Disability Services, please be advised that the reconfiguration process of children’s disability services has been underway in Community Healthcare West (CHW) since October 2021 with the establishment of nine Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) across CHW. Children and young people with complex needs in Galway and Roscommon receive their services from CDNTs 4 to 9 inclusive.

CDNTs in the HSE work on paper based systems. The absence of electronic health records, in addition to the reconfiguration processes outlined above, means it is not possible to provide the exact information requested in PQ 32777/23. The National Management Information System for children’s disability services is in the process of being delivered to CDNTs in 2023 and will significantly impact on CDNTs having the capacity to generate value data on service delivery efficiently and inform service planning.

Please see below the latest available data (June 2023) for CDNTs 4 to 9 which are the key metrics provided on a monthly basis to the National Disability Children’s and Families Team in Community Operations, HSE.

CDNTs	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial contact @ June 2023	13	14	33	40	15	24
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial contact @ June 2023	41	5	14	26	6	76
No. of children waiting 6-12 months for an initial contact @ June 2023	58	13	18	32	4	20
TOTAL	112	32	65	98	25	120

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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