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Ms. Verona Murphy TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 33627/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the average wait times for children to access CDNT services 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 Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The Parliamentary Question posed by you in relation to the average wait times for children to access CDNT Services in New Ross, County Wexford 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.

The provision of an interdisciplinary model as outlined in Progressing Disability Services (PDS) and the ratio of staffing to child and family 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, both CDNT waiting lists and open caseloads 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 average wait time at present for those on the waiting list is 19 months.

The following table reflects the total number of children assigned to the CDNT Network 8 New Ross. All of these children require some level of therapeutic input and may be waiting for one or more interventions.

CDNT	No. of Children Assigned and Accepted to the CDNT	No. of Clinical staff currently assigned to the CDNT	No. of Clinical staff currently employed to the CDNT
New Ross	65 waiting list + 201 open	11.05 WTE	6.5 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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