

24th July, 2023

Mr Thomas Gould, TD.,
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PQ ref 34067/23

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people in Cork, that are currently waiting an appointment for early intervention, broken down by therapy; the number that are waiting less than 6, 6-12 and those that are waiting more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply 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.

As outlined to you in PQs 34061 – 34064 I am unable to provide a breakdown of data on those awaiting a specific intervention as at any one time. The team works in an interdisciplinary way i.e. a number of professionals of different disciplines working together with the child and family, sharing information, decision-making and goal-setting. This is a change from the previous model where a child accessed one discipline at a time and statistics were available in the manner requested.

Today a number of children may be in receipt of some intervention(s) but may also be waiting for another intervention(s) and without adequate ICT systems we are unable to provide the level of detail you have requested. I can advise that Cork CDNT’s at the end of June 2023 had an active caseload of 5,679 children.

As with PQ 34064 I am happy to provide you with the information set out in the following table, on the current number of children and young adults awaiting initial contact on each of the Cork Children’s Disability Network Teams as of June 2023.

Children’s Disability Network Team	No. of children awaiting initial contact			
	0-3 months	4-6 months	7-12 months	Over 12 months
Northwest Children’s Disability Network Team - CDNT 4	4	20	12	7
Northeast Children’s Disability Network Team - CDNT 5	11	21	29	90
East Central Cork Children’s Disability Network Team - CDNT 6	8	14	33	39
East Cork City Children’s Disability Network Team - CDNT 7	21	8	7	126
Central Cork Children’s Disability Network Team - CDNT 8	2	3	14	19

North Cork City & Blarney Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 9	3	6	32	181
West Cork Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 10	9	0	0	0
South East Cork City Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 11	13	5	12	114
West Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 12	10	4	10	198
Carrigaline/Kinsale/Bandon Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 13	2	6	19	245
West Central Cork Children's Disability Network Team - CDNT 14	1	3	22	66
TOTALS	84	90	190	1,085

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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