

Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

8th August 2023

Re: PQ ref 35207/23 - DSPQ23120 - Early Intervention Wait-List

Details

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

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the waitlist for Early Intervention broken down by therapy, age group and waiting times. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Under the Progressing Disability Service (PDS) model, the Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) offers therapeutic support to children and young people (0-18 years) via the interdisciplinary model. The CDNT do not break down the therapeutic input for children and young people into single disciplines per PDS. Therefore, CDNT intervention is based on children from 0-18 years of age and the metrics are as follows:

CDNT 0-18 years Cavan/Monaghan Waiting on an appointment for therapeutic Intervention

Waitlist times	Number of Service Users Cavan (0-18)	Number of Service Users Monaghan (0-18)	Total
0-3 months	10	15	25
4-6 months	9	20	29
7-12 months	17	24	41
12 months +	18	59	77
Total	54	118	172



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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