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Deputy Brady,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 36725/23 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children who are on the waiting list for an appointment for early intervention services for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and psychology, in tabular form, broken down by waiting list timeframes of less than 3 months; 3-6 months, 6-12 months, and more than 12 months, for CHO6 Wicklow and CHO7 west Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (36725/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

At present, waiting list data specific to Early Intervention is not collated by the HSE. For your information, I have attached an appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the requested Primary Care Therapies Waitlist for Children in CHO 6 & 7, as at the end of June 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care services, this represents a 5.5% increase on the previous year. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This has resulted in an increase in those waiting.

- Appendix 1 – Primary Care Therapies Waitlists (under 18) as at the end of June 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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