

10th July, 2023

Denis Naughten T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 29110/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO1; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo.

The below table provides a breakdown of the number of children awaiting occupational therapy appointments in Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CH CDLMS and a breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list				
Waiting List	Cavan/ Monaghan	Donegal	Sligo/Leitrim/ South Donegal	CH CDLMS Total
0-12 weeks	76	75	52	203
12-26 weeks	57	41	56	154
26-39 weeks	102	27	37	166
39-52 weeks	38	53	14	105
Greater than 52 weeks	327	180	4	511
Overall Totals	600	376	163	1139

As you may be aware, approval to address the waiting list for Paediatric Services in Cavan Monaghan through a targeted Waiting List Initiative for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Services has commenced. This involves delivering both assessment and intervention to those children waiting longest, which included children referred in 2015, for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. The implementation of the initiative has commenced and significant progress has been made to date, with the longest wait for a child now those children referred in July 2019, compared to 2015 at the commencement of the initiative. Of those children waiting >52 weeks in Cavan Monaghan, 194 are waiting 52 -104 weeks with the remaining 133 children waiting >104. This represents significant and steady progress.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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