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Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 29116/23 - *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in CHO7; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Deputy Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the below Table outlines the current number of Children awaiting Primary Care Occupational Therapy appointments in CHO7 as of May 2023. This table also outlines the breakdown of the wait time. Please note recruitment is ongoing to fill vacant posts and every effort is being made to recruit staff to the service.

Category	Data	May-23
Wait times by Age Category 0-4years	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment 0-≤12 weeks	14
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 12 weeks ≤ 26 weeks	18
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 26 weeks ≤ 39 weeks	11
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	6
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 0-4years waiting for assessment > 52 weeks	15

Category	Data	May-23
Wait times by Age Category 5-17years	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment 0-≤12 weeks	87
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 12 weeks ≤ 26 weeks	97
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 26 weeks ≤ 39 weeks	79
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	75
	Number of Occupational Therapy patient's 5-17 years waiting for assessment > 52 weeks	250

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

Yours sincerely,



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