

3rd July, 2023

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

Re: PQ 29119/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language 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 speech and language therapy appointments in Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The number of children awaiting a speech and language 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
0-4 Months	313	298	629	1240
4-8 Months	378	91	69	538
8-12 Months	305	78	18	401
12-18 Months	344	25	0	369
18-24 Months	17	52	0	69
Greater than 24 Months	0	7	0	7
Overall Totals	1357	551	716	2624

Please note, the figures provided above include those children awaiting an initial assessment, initial therapy and further therapy.

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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