



15/06/2023

Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 29125/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a speech and language 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 Speech and Language Service 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 0-17years	Number of Speech and Language Therapy patient's 0-17years waiting for initial assessment 0-4 Months	442
	Number of Speech and Language Therapy patient's 0-17years waiting for initial assessment 4 months 1 day-8 Months	421
	Number of Speech and Language Therapy patient's 0-17years waiting for initial assessment 8 months 1 day-12 Months	247
	Number of Speech and Language Therapy patient's 0-17years waiting for initial assessment 12 months 1 day-18 Months	83

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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