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Deputy Denis Naughten
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PQ ref 29128/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy 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.

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

The number of children awaiting a physiotherapy 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	201	122	143	466
12-26 weeks	51	41	46	138
26-39 weeks	42	46	37	125
39-52 weeks	33	6	30	69
Greater than 52 weeks	145	4	0	149
Overall Totals	472	219	256	947

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, 59 are waiting 52 - 104 weeks with the remaining 86 children waiting >104 weeks. This represents significant and steady progress.



I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma Ball'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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