



Mr Denis Naughten TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Head of Service Primary Care,  
HSE Community Healthcare Organisation  
Dublin North City & County,  
Ballymun Healthcare Facility,  
Ballymun, Dublin 9, DO9 C8P5.

26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**PQ 29136/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a physiotherapy appointment in CHO9; the breakdown of the time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter” – Denis Naughten TD**

Dear Deputy Naughten

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC), the number of children waiting for their Primary Care Physiotherapy appointment is 987 children, as below:

CHO DNCC	Children aged 0-4	Children aged 5 -18	Total number of children waiting Physiotherapy Appointment
	507	480	<b>987</b>

The longest waiting time is 176 weeks for 0-4 age group and 223 weeks for 5-18 year age group.

There are a number of initiatives to reduce the waiting lists which include regular case discussions at the Paediatric Physiotherapy Primary Care Meetings and re-prioritising cases when required.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Tom O'Brien**  
Head of Service Primary Care