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**PQ/15279/23**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how many children under the age of 18 years are awaiting speech and language therapy in County Mayo; the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ/15279/23 uploaded to the PAD System on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and due for response on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth “how many children under the age of 18 years are awaiting speech and language therapy in County Mayo; the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that under the PDS model, Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) offer interdisciplinary support so do not maintain waiting lists for individual therapies. Wait times for the CDNTs are currently not recorded per discipline but are recorded as per national key metrics (waiting times to initial contact by a team member) since Mayo children’s services reconfigured in January 2022.

Listed below is the latest key metric data available up to the end of March 2023 for Mayo.

	CDNT1	CDNT2	CDNT3
Caseload no. @ month end March 2023	284	298	243
No. of new children referred (incl. transferred from existing disability services) during the month	2	8	6
Average wait in months (since referral to the reconfigured CDNT) for an initial contact @ month end	2	5	1
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial contact @ month end	1	20	11
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial contact @ month end	0	21	0
No. of children waiting 6-12 months for an initial contact @ month end	0	67	0
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial contact @ month end	0	0	0

I trust that this response has clarified the matters that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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