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PQ 44690/23

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for therapeutic care in each CDNTs based in CHO2 according to each speciality; and the average waiting times for an appointment."

Dear Deputy Funchion

I refer to PQ 44690/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 10th October 2023 and due for response on the 31st October 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "the number of children on waiting lists for therapeutic care in each CDNTs based in CHO2 according to each speciality; and the average waiting times for an appointment". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position at the 12th December 2023.

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 not recorded per discipline but are recorded as per national key metrics since children's disability services reconfigured. Please see below the latest available data (end of November 2023) for CDNTs 1 to 9 which are the key metrics provided on a monthly basis to the National Disability Children's and Families Team in Community Operations, HSE.

Metric @ end of November 2023	Children's Disability Network Teams								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact	6	5	2	22	20	26	25	25	20
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact	3	5	4	15	8	12	16	9	69
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact	0	5	2	27	10	11	22	7	96
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial CDNT contact	0	0	0	33	59	54	49	34	96

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

Yours sincerely



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