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“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the wait time for speech and language therapy in County Mayo, for those waiting longer than, 3-6-9-12-24 and 36 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Dillon,

I refer to PQ 46306/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 18th October 2023 and due for response on the 8th November 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth Health concerning “the wait time for speech and language therapy in County Mayo, for those waiting longer than, 3-6-9-12-24 and 36 months, in tabular form”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position at the 25th October 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 Mayo children's disability services reconfigured in January 2022. Please see below the latest available data (end of September 2023) for CDNTs 1 - 3 which are the key metrics provided on a monthly basis to the National Disability Children's and Families Team in Community Operations, HSE

	CDNT 1 North Mayo	CDNT 2 South Mayo	CDNT 3 West Mayo
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	7	8	7
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	2	5	3
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	0	3	1
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	0	0	0

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

Yours sincerely

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