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**RE: PQ 7252/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the current number of children waiting for various therapies under primary care in counties Roscommon and Galway, along with the average waiting times, including age cohorts; and if she will make a statement on the matter”**

Dear Deputy Kerrane

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Primary Care.

**Physiotherapy Service:**

Age	Average wait time	Number of children waiting
0-4yrs	0≤12weeks	163
0-4yrs	12weeks ≤26weeks	89
0-4yrs	<26weeks ≤39weeks	71
0-4yrs	<39weeks ≤52weeks	41
0-4yrs	<52	111
5-17yrs	0≤12weeks	91
5-17yrs	<12weeks ≤26weeks	72
5-17yrs	<26weeks ≤39weeks	49
5-17yrs	<39weeks ≤52weeks	38
5-17yrs	<52	156

**Occupational Therapy Service:**

Age	Average wait time (National Stats do not collect average wait times nor do they collect data on average waiting time by each age cohort)	Number of children waiting
0-4;11yrs	28 weeks	265
5-17;11yrs	56 weeks	934

**Speech and Language Therapy Service:**

County	Age Cohort	Waitlist	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18 mo to 2 yrs	Over 2 yrs
Roscommon Primary Care	Children aged 0-17yrs11mo	Waiting List for Initial Assessment	145	0	0	0	0	0
		Waiting List for Initial Therapy	129	90	100	42	24	0
		Waiting List for Further Therapy	64	0	0	0	0	0
Galway Primary Care	Children aged 0-17yrs11mo	Waiting List for Initial Assessment	435	269	77	1	0	
		Waiting List for Initial Therapy	149	167	57	7	2	
		Waiting List for Further Therapy	366	246	120	149	1	

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely




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