

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,  
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**PQ ref 30157/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting an *occupational therapy appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork*; the number who have been waiting less than three months; the number that have been waiting three to six months; the number that have been waiting six to 12 months; the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**PQ ref 30158/24:**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting a *speech and language therapy appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork*; the number who have been waiting less than three months; the number that have been waiting three to six months; the number that have been waiting six to 12 months; the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**PQ ref 30159/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people awaiting a *psychology appointment in each of the CDNTs in Cork*; the number who have been waiting less than three months; the number that have been waiting three to six months; the number that have been waiting six to 12 months; the number that have been waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**PQ ref 30165/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to outline the number of people in Cork currently waiting an appointment for *early intervention*, broken down by therapy; the number that are waiting less than six months; the number waiting 6-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) have been established to provide services and supports for all children with complex disability needs within a defined geographic area. A child’s access to CDNT services is based on their level of need. Children with non-complex needs receive services at Primary Care level.

CDNTs provide interdisciplinary supports for children and their families; a number of professionals of different disciplines working together with the child and family, sharing information, decision-making and goal-setting. They do not maintain waiting lists for individual disciplines. Currently, CDNTs in Cork have large numbers of children with complex disability needs on their caseloads. These children require

an interdisciplinary team approach and this is provided on a needs basis due to priority and risk to child, young adult and family in all environments such as home, school and in the community.

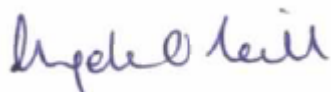
At the end of June 2024, Cork CDNT's have 613 children waiting for an initial appointment. This data is set out below.

**Table 1: Number of children awaiting an initial contact appointment with Cork CDNTs as at 30.06.2024**

CDNT	CDNT Area	0 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	7 - 12 months	> 12 months	Overall Total
CDNT 04	North West Cork	13	6	4	2	25
CDNT 05	North East Cork	10	12	23	25	70
CDNT 06	East Central Cork	8	6	15	20	49
CDNT 07	East Cork City	31	17	28	10	86
CDNT 08	Central Cork	5	11	21	35	72
CDNT 09	North Cork City & Blarney	14	10	36	108	168
CDNT 10	West Cork	9	0	0	0	9
CDNT 11	South East Cork City	6	8	7	25	46
CDNT 12	West Central Cork	12	0	4	9	25
CDNT 13	Bandon/Carrigaline/Kinsale	7	11	7	29	54
CDNT 14	South Cork City	4	3	1	1	9
		119	84	146	264	613

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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