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PQ 12667/24

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children waiting and the length of time they are waiting for initial contact from CDNTs in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Farrell

I refer to PQ 12667/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 23rd April 2024 and due for response on the 8th May 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “the number of children waiting and the length of time they are waiting for initial contact from CDNTs in CHO2”. 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 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 March 2024) 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.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @ March 2024	4	5	3	3	29	29	52	11	35
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact @ March 2024	0	0	0	1	7	24	12	23	69
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ March 2024	0	0	0	8	9	15	36	27	96
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ March 2024	0	0	0	2	33	32	34	21	96

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

Yours sincerely



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