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PQ 41914/25 - *"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the breakdown of the number of children on waiting lists in the children's disability network teams of Coolock, Kilbarrack and Clontarf for physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, psychology and assessment of need; the breakdown in years and months for children who are waiting over 52-weeks in each CDNT; the longest wait time in each category; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* -
Cian O'Callaghan, TD

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW), Coolock and Kilbarrack Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's) are managed by St Michael's House (SMH). Clontarf CDNT is managed by the Central Remedial Clinic (CRC).

The Progressing Disability Services model is an interdisciplinary model and as such waiting lists are not kept for individual disciplines as this does not reflect the nature of the support provided for children with complex needs. Information regarding waiting lists is provided by each CDNT to National Disabilities by way of monthly metrics. The purpose of the monthly metrics is to gather baseline information on CDNT service demand and service provision. This suite of metrics was developed by National Disabilities, seeking data for waiting times at month end in the categories 0-3 months, 4-6 months, 7-12 months, and over 12 months. In this regard, the gathering of CDNT waiting times data is based on these categories, your specific request of the breakdown in years and months for children who are waiting over 52 weeks is not available.

In the table below, I provided the most recent data available which shows the number of children that are waiting for an initial contact with Coolock, Kilbarrack and Clontarf CDNT's. This information is accurate as of 1st July 2025.

	CRC Clontarf CDNT	SMH Coolock CDNT	SMH Kilbarrack CDNT	Total
No. of children waiting 0-3 months	8	0	3	11
No. of children waiting 4-6 months	6	2	4	12
No. of children waiting 7-12 months	7	2	4	13
No. of children waiting over 12 months	47	89	195	331
Total	68	93	206	367

Please be assured Disability Services IHA DNC and IHA DNCW lead agencies are working to improve the waiting times experienced by some children. The CDNT's support families of children whilst they are on the waiting list through various waiting list initiatives.

I trust this information clarifies your query.

Yours sincerely,

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