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Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 29054 25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on dietitian appointments in Dublin mid-west; the average time waiting; for a breakdown of numbers waiting, by month; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mark Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you regarding your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Care Dietetics Service in the West Tallaght & Rathcoole Community Healthcare Network is unfortunately temporarily suspended due to staff shortages. Dublin South West Integrated Healthcare Area is actively working to address the impacts of staff vacancies. The HSE is continuously reviewing service needs and prioritising recruitment in accordance with its Pay and Numbers strategy. Every effort will be made to improve access to care and reduce waiting lists for the local population in line with this strategy.

The below data is accurate as of 31/05/2025.

Community Healthcare Area	The Number of Children waiting on Dietician Assessment	Average waiting time	Number of Children waiting 0 ≤ 12 weeks	Number of Children waiting >12 - < 26 weeks	Number of Children waiting >26 - <39 weeks	Number of Children waiting >39 - <52 weeks	Number of Children waiting >52 weeks.
Ballyfermot Palmerstown	38	16 weeks	19	14	5	0	0
Lucan	42	65 weeks	18	4	10	5	5
West Tallaght Rathcoole	0	Service closed & not accepting referrals	0	0	0	0	0
Clondalkin	56	41 weeks	34	10	12	0	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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