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Mr. David Cullinane TD
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PQ 26114/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children on waiting lists for therapies with a children's disability network team in Waterford, by team.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

HSE Children's Disability Services has undergone significant reform and restructuring over the past three years with the implementation of the Progressing Disability Services (PDS). The core focus of this change is to ensure that children and their families, with complex interdisciplinary needs, will receive an appropriate and accessible family centred service.

All children on CDNT registers, both CDNT waiting lists and open caseloads are likely to be waiting for some aspect of their intervention. As an interdisciplinary service, vacancies for some disciplines can further restrict the capacity to provide an intervention that requires more than one discipline.

The tables below are based on the most recent data available which is captured at a specific point in time and subject to change.

The following table reflects the number of children on Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) – Network 6 Dungarvan waiting list for therapy or assessment or any appointment:

Metric	CDNT 6 Dungarvan	CDNT 7 Wat. North City	CDNT 7 Wat South City
No. of children waiting 0-3 months on at month end	10	3	12
No. of children waiting 4-6 months at month end	4	8	5
No. of children waiting 7-12 months at month end	1	20	8
No. of children waiting over 12 months at month end	13	120	58
Total no. of children at month end	28	151	83

The HSE acknowledges that waiting times for CDNT services at this time are stressful for children and their families, and will continue to explore a range of options to enhance the recruitment and retention of essential staff into our CDNTs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

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