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Minister Robert Troy,
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Re: PQ 26283/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for primary school students to avail of speech and language therapy in County Longford through primary care services. Robert Troy

Dear Minister Troy,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your Parliamentary Question has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The current wait time, on 01st June 2025, for speech and language therapy children's initial assessment in Longford-Central Westmeath CHN, is 59 weeks. The wait times are dependent on referral rates and resources available to complete assessment and interventions. With 28.5% of the WTE staffing vacant, due to maternity leave in May 2025, this wait time is likely to increase.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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