



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad
Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós,
Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc
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To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for a service statement following completion of their assessment of needs more than 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21 and 24 months, by county, in tabular form.

HSE Response

Dear Deputy Kelly,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The Assessment of Need process is set out in the Disability Act, 2005. The aim of an Assessment of Need under the Disability Act is to identify whether a person has a disability, the nature and extent of the disability, any health and education needs arising from that disability, as well as what services are required to meet those needs. It is important that service users are aware that an AON is not required to access Primary Care, Children's Disability Services or Mental Health Services providing services including assessment, goals setting, intervention and follow up services. This direct access ensures more efficient and timely access for many families.

The Disability Act outlines the statutory timelines under which Assessments of Need under the Act must be completed. In summary, the assessment report must be completed within 6 months of the date the application was received. The Service Statement, which outlines the services which will be delivered within available resources, should be issued to the applicant within a month of the completion of the Assessment Report.

In 2025, Quarter 1 data indicates that there were 1,412 Assessment of Need reports completed in this period. There were 487 Service Statements issued to the applicant during this quarter; 45% were dispatched within the 1-month timeline. These numbers do not include reviewed or modified service statements.

Table 1 Service Statements Completed

| RHA | LHO | Total | Within Timeline | % within timeline |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| HSE Dublin & North East | | 136 | 37 | 27% |
| | Cavan/Monaghan | 8 | 1 | 13% |
| | Louth | 57 | 24 | 42% |
| | Meath | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| | North Dublin | 35 | 9 | 26% |
| | Dublin North Centre | 3 | 1 | 33% |
| | North West Dublin | 32 | 2 | 6% |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | | 14 | 7 | 50% |
| | Dublin South City | 4 | 2 | 50% |
| | Dublin South West | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Dublin West | 9 | 5 | 56% |



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| | Kildare/West Wicklow | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Laois/Offaly | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Longford/Westmeath | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| | HSE Dublin & South East | 188 | 126 | 67% |
| | Carlow/Kilkenny | 21 | 14 | 67% |
| | Tipperary S.R | 24 | 17 | 71% |
| | Waterford | 23 | 16 | 70% |
| | Wexford | 28 | 10 | 36% |
| | Dublin South East | 16 | 13 | 81% |
| | Dublin South | 25 | 15 | 60% |
| | Wicklow | 51 | 41 | 80% |
| | HSE South West | 90 | 4 | 4% |
| | Kerry | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Cork North | 21 | 3 | 14% |
| | Cork North Lee | 35 | 0 | 0% |
| | Cork South Lee | 29 | 0 | 0% |
| | Cork West | 5 | 1 | 20% |
| | HSE Mid West | 21 | 14 | 67% |
| | Clare | 3 | 2 | 67% |
| | Limerick | 10 | 8 | 80% |
| | Tipperary N.R | 8 | 4 | 50% |
| | HSE West & North West | 38 | 29 | 76% |
| | Donegal | 4 | 3 | 75% |
| | Sligo/Leitrim | 26 | 26 | 100% |
| | Galway | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Mayo | 0 | 0 | - |
| | Roscommon | 8 | 0 | 0% |

Please note that the Assessment Officer System database cannot provide the breakdown requested in this question. The Database is limited in the range of information we can generate, and work is underway to upgrade this system.

Yours Sincerely,

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