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Deputy Matt Carthy T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**Re: PQ ref 48089/25**

***“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the current average waiting times for a speech and language appointment at Monaghan CDNT; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”***

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Under the national Progressing Disability Services (PDS) model, CDNTs offer therapeutic support to children and young people (0-18 years) via an interdisciplinary model. Therefore, intervention is based on the overall intervention needs identified for children and young people on a CDNT caseload. CDNTs do not hold single discipline waiting lists as per the PDS model. There are standardised waiting list metrics captured monthly for all CDNTs in all six Health Regions across the country.

The below table outlines the number of children and young people, by waitlist times, waiting to access CDNT services in Monaghan as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 as per the nationally agreed metrics collated:

| Waitlist times | Numbers Waiting |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 0-3 months     | 20              |
| 4-6 months     | 29              |
| 7-12 months    | 24              |
| 12 months +    | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>73</b>       |

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

Yours sincerely,

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