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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO4 at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form”

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

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

As requested, table 1 below identifies the number of children under 18 years of age that are awaiting occupational therapy assessment and/or intervention at the end of March 2019. Table 2 shows the number awaiting assessment and/ or intervention in the 18 to 64 and 65+ age brackets at the end of March 2019.

Table 1

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare CHO4 Total	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					Total
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
	142	90	60	65	82	439

Table 2.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					Total
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
	239	217	241	413	1438	2548

Table 3.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	18-64 years					Total
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
	162	78	59	25	51	375

Table 4.

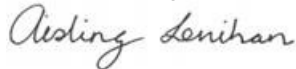
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	65 years plus					Total
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
	726	435	257	146	269	1833

The total number waiting is 5,195 across age and waiting time bands. The percentage waiting over 12 months is 35% with the highest cohort waiting over 12 months being in the age range 5- 17 years 11 months.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare identified once off funding to recruit additional Occupational Therapists in Cork to address the Occupational Therapy waiting lists for children waiting over 1 year for assessment and /or intervention. This initiative, which has commenced, on a phased basis, is having an impact on the current paediatric occupational therapy waiting times in Cork.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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