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Deputy Stephen Donnelly, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

## PQ 15936/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a speech and language therapy appointment in primary care at 31 March 2019 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively

-Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Please find attached appendices which contain, in tabular form, the requested waiting list data at March 2019 by LHO and by time waiting;

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Initial Assessment

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Initial Therapy

Appendix 3 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Further Therapy

The HSE is committed to the provision of efficient, high quality services. In 2018 276,343 people were seen in Speech and Language Therapy services.

Note that where there is a zero in a particular field in most instances this means there is nobody on the waiting list for the particular LHO / period of time waiting. It is important to note that the overall total in the attachments represents the entirety of the waiting lists.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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