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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

## PQ 16465/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults, respectively waiting for initial occupational therapy assessment at 31 March 2019 by CHO and LHO area in tabular form; the comparative figure as at 31 March 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

Data for March 2019 will only be made available at the end of April, as such please find waiting times for February 2019. The appendices attached contain, in tabular form, each of the requested waiting lists at February 2019 as well as March 2018 by LHO and by time waiting. Please find attached:

Appendix 1 – Children waiting for initial assessment February 2019

Appendix 2 – Children waiting for initial assessment March 2018

Appendix 3 – Adults waiting initial assessment February 2019

Appendix 4 – Adults waiting initial assessment March 2018

The HSE is committed to the provision of high-quality health services in a timely manner to ensure best practice. In 2018 356,716 people accessed occupational therapy services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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