



13th December 2019

Deputy James Browne,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 50848/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care at the end of November 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12 , 10 to 12 , 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively.

-James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Please see attached Appendix 1 which shows the number of persons awaiting Psychology treatment at October 2019 in tabular form by LHO Area and by time waiting. Please note that November waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of December.

Note that where there is a zero in a particular field in most instances this may mean that there is nobody on the waiting list for the particular LHO / period of time waiting. Alternatively for some areas, the absence of a waiting list (e.g. for adults) indicates that this service is not provided through Primary Care services in that area. It is important to note that the overall total in the attachment represents the entirety of the waiting list.

The HSE is committed to the provision of high-quality, effective Psychology services in a timely manner. Our data indicates that there were 42,375 attendances at community Psychology services in 2018.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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