



18/12/19

Deputy Margaret Murphy O'Mahony,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 50984/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively by local health office area at the end of November 2019 or the latest date available in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age by category in tabular form**

**-Margaret Murphy O'Mahoney**

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

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.

Physiotherapy is one of a range of multidisciplinary health services provided through Primary Care in Community Healthcare Organisations. Physiotherapists are healthcare professionals who assess and treat pain, injury and disability as a result of conditions and illnesses that affect people of all ages and backgrounds.

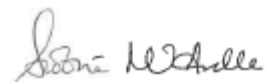
Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Physiotherapy in community services as of October 2019. Please note that November waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of December.

Please 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. The HSE is working to ensure timely access to children and adults requiring physiotherapy services, and to reduce long waiting times for this important service.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality physiotherapy services to all eligible service users. In 2018 there were 576,409 attendances at HSE community physiotherapy clinics.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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