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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list; 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 more than 65 years of age by each local health area in CHO 4 at the end of November 2019 or the latest date available 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 in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) at the end of November 2019. Table 2 shows the number awaiting assessment and/ or intervention in the 18 to 64 and 65+ age brackets at the end of November 2019.

Table 1

CKCH	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months				
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks
Kerry	27	32	15	11	17	52	47	62	60	244
North Cork	20	34	9	9	35	38	34	49	30	272
North Lee	43	31	28	18	17	142	167	72	136	451
South Lee	18	43	3	9	3	53	123	95	46	96
West Cork	13	7	6	3	3	50	29	34	38	43
CHO4 Total	121	147	61	50	75	335	400	312	310	1106

Table 2

CKCH	18-64 years					65 years plus				
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks
Kerry	26	28	3	2	1	213	78	30	2	1
North Cork	17	16	15	15	23	80	79	99	67	123
North Lee	61	30	20	16	31	180	120	113	107	167
South Lee	33	15	12	3	5	170	79	53	10	21
West Cork	11	6	2	0	4	49	26	9	8	1
CHO4 Total	148	95	52	36	64	692	382	304	194	313

Occupational Therapy presents with its most significant challenge in respect of paediatric services 5 - 17 year olds. As outlined previously this is due to historic deficits in paediatric occupational therapy services and is most evident in North Lee area. Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has progressed business cases for funding development posts in line with population need within the service planning process.

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 and this initiative 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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