



03/01/20

Deputy Noel Grealish,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 53558/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each local health area on a waiting list for physiotherapy by the number waiting less than 3 , 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months and by age category; and the equivalent figures for the same time in 2018

-Noel Grealish

Dear Deputy Grealish,

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 Appendices which contain, in tabular form:

- Appendix 1 - Physiotherapy - Number of Patients waiting for Assessment October 2019
- Appendix 2 - Physiotherapy - Number of Patients waiting for Assessment October 2018

Please note that this is the latest data available at this time.

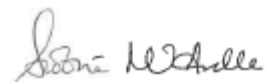
Please also note that the waiting list breakdown for Physiotherapy by age category only began to be reported in 2019 and the breakdown by age category is not available for 2018.

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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