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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for occupational therapy by county; the number waiting more than 3, 6 and 9 months and more than a year, respectively by county; and the longest length of time waited for the service

-Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

The HSE collates data in relation to the number of persons waiting for an initial, or first time, Occupational Therapy assessment. Please see attached appendix 1, which includes waiting lists as at December 2018 for Occupational Therapy First Time Assessment.

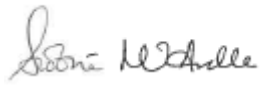
Note that where there is a zero in a particular field in most instances this means there is nobody on the waiting list for the particular LHO / period of time waiting. However for a small number of data metrics, where there are zeros across a full row for a LHO or CHO Area, this means the data for a LHO or CHO Area is combined and returned via another LHO or CHO Area. It is important to note that the overall total in the attachments represents the entirety of the waiting lists.

Information in relation to the longest wait time for Occupational Therapy services is not available. The table attached details the number of persons, by age range, waiting longer than 52 weeks for an initial assessment.

The HSE is committed to the provision of timely access to high quality community-based Occupational Therapy services to eligible persons across the lifespan. In 2018 a total of 365,716 people were seen for Occupational Therapy in HSE community healthcare settings.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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