



11/03/2019

**Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 9083/19 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy **assessment waiting list** aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO and age in tabular form -Louise O'Reilly

9084/19 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy **initial assessment waiting list** aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form -Louise O'Reilly

9085/19 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy **further treatment** waiting list aged 0 to 4, 5 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form -Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 find attached appendices which contain, in tabular form, each of the requested waiting lists at December 2018 by LHO and by time waiting. Please also note that an age breakdown as requested in the query is not available for these waiting lists. The only assessment metric that is captured is for "Initial Assessment". Information for "assessment waiting lists" as requested in 9083/19 is not available.

Attached find:

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Initial Assessment

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Further Therapy

Please note in 2018 the HSE saw 276,343 patients for Speech and Language Therapy services.

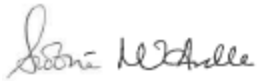
Note that where there is a zero in a particular field in most instances this means there is nobody on the waiting list for the particular LHO / period of time waiting. However for a small number of data metrics, where there are

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.

The HSE is committed to providing efficient services while maintaining quality.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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