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Deputy Stephen S Donnelly,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Ref. No. 3442/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care; and the number waiting by time periods (details supplied)**  
- Stephen S. Donnelly

**PQ Ref. No. 3443/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care; and the number waiting by time periods (details supplied)**  
- Stephen S. Donnelly

**PQ Ref. No. 3444/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care; the number waiting by time periods (details supplied)**  
- Stephen S. Donnelly

**PQ Ref. No. 3447/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care; and the number waiting by time periods (details supplied)**  
- Stephen S. Donnelly

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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, 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;

Appendix 1 - Podiatry  
Appendix 2 – Ophthalmology  
Appendix 3 – Audiology  
Appendix 4 – Dietetics

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.

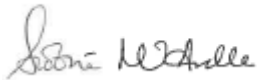
The HSE is committed to the provision of safe, high- quality health services to all eligible persons within the constraints of available resources. For each of these services the number of patients seen in 2018 was as follows;

<b>Service</b>	<b>2018 attendances</b>
Podiatry	83,789
Ophthalmology	101,405
Audiology	51,573
Dietetics	64,402

We plan to build on these figures into the future, with the ambition of improving the efficient provision of quality services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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