



Friday 15th February 2019

Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ Ref. No. 3725/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form - Louise O'Reilly

PQ Ref. No. 3727/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial assessment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form - Louise O'Reilly

PQ Ref. No. 3728/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively by LHO in tabular form - Louise O'Reilly

PQ Ref. No. 3726/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list in each local health office area; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to four, five to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 or more years of age in each category in tabular form- Louise O'Reilly

PQ Ref. No. 3729/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the numbers waiting aged under 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age, respectively by category and 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 Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Speech and Language Therapy

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 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Initial Assessment

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

Appendix 3 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of Patients Awaiting Further Therapy

Note that in 2018 the total number of Speech and Language Therapy patients seen was 276,343.

Occupational Therapy

It appears that the same information is requested in both PQ 3726/19 and PQ 3729/19.

Please find attached Appendix 4 which shows the number of Occupational Therapy Patients awaiting First Time Assessment at December 2018. The data is shown in tabular form by age category, by time waiting and by LHO Area.

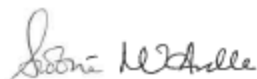
Note that in 2018 the total number of Occupational Therapy patients seen was 356,716.

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, in most instances this means the data for a LHO or CHO Area is combined and returned via another LHO or CHO Area. It is also possible that zero figures on waiting lists may be due to data not being returned at a particular point in time or there is no service delivered in a particular LHO Area.

It is important to note that the overall total in the attachments represents the entirety of the waiting lists.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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