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Mr. John Brassil, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 26371/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for adult audiology services in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare adult audiology service is provided by a team of audiologists who assess clients with hearing difficulties and support them through each stage of their care pathway, from initial assessment to hearing aid fitting and follow-up care. Referrals to the service are received directly from GPs (for those over 55 years of age) or from ENT Consultants.

The current waiting time for adult audiology services in Kerry is 49 weeks. The waiting time for a priority referral is 4 to 6 weeks. The audiology department is working to its best ability within the constraints of the available resources to meet all client needs.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Teresa O' Donovan**  
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