



23/05/2019

Deputy James Browne
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 20638/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 18 years of age awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for occupational therapy in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 20639/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged over 18 years of age awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in each county; the number of these patients waiting longer than 6, 12, 18, 24 and 36 months, respectively for occupational therapy in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 see appendix 1 attached which contains, in tabular form, the number of persons waiting for first time assessment as of March 2019 by age and LHO. Please note time waiting is measured at the following intervals:

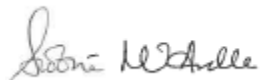
- 0 - ≤ 12 weeks
- >12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks
- >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks
- >39 weeks but ≤ 52
- >52 weeks

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. 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 quality services, in 2018 there were 356,716 people seen within Occupational Therapy services throughout the HSE.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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