



23/05/2019

Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 20666/19 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 years of age plus, respectively, in tabular form.

PQ 20667/19 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and more than 65 years of age, respectively by each category in each local healthcare area at the end of March 2019 or the latest date available in tabular form.

-Fiona O'Loughlin

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

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, both of the requested waiting lists at March 2019 by Local Health Office (LHO) area and by time waiting. Please note that for occupational therapy and physiotherapy the only metrics available are in relation to assessment, and that there is no age breakdown available for Physiotherapy.

- Appendix 1 - number of persons awaiting physiotherapy assessment
- Appendix 2 - number of persons awaiting occupational therapy initial assessment

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 delivery of efficient quality services. Table 1 below shows the number of people seen in occupational therapy and physiotherapy services in 2018.

Table 1: Number of persons seen in 2018 per service area

Service Area	Attendances
Occupational Therapy	356,716
Physiotherapy	576,409

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Siobhán McArdle,
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