



24/10/2019

Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 41324/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care speech and language therapy appointment by LHO, age and time waiting

-Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 contains, in tabular form, the number of persons waiting for a primary care Speech and Language Therapy appointments at August 2019 by LHO area, age time waiting. This is further broken down into Initial Assessment, Initial Therapy and further Therapy. Please note that September waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of October. Please also note that the exact age breakdown is not collated, so each list is broken down into the number of patients aged 0 – 17 years and 11 months, patients age 18 and over, and the total number of patients.

Appendix 1 – Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Assessment (0 - 17 years and 11 months)

Appendix 2 – Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Assessment (Aged 18 and over)

Appendix 3 – Total Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Assessment

Appendix 4 - Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Treatment (0 - 17 years and 11 months)

Appendix 5 – Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Treatment (Aged 18 and over)

Appendix 6 – Total Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Initial Treatment

Appendix 7 – Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Further Treatment (0 - 17 years and 11 months)

Appendix 8 – Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Further Treatment (Aged 18 and over)


Appendix 9 - Total Number of People Awaiting Speech and Language Therapy Further Treatment

Please 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 high-quality, effective Speech and Language Therapy services in a timely manner. Our data indicates that there were 276,343 attendances at community Speech and Language Therapy services in 2018.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Siobhán McArdle', written in a cursive style.

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Siobhán McArdle,
Head of Operations Primary Care,
Community Operations

APPENDIX 1

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	253	128	56	0	0	0	437
Donegal	189	0	0	0	0	0	189
Sligo Leitrim	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
CHO1	444	128	56	0	0	0	628
Galway	436	53	25	0	0	0	514
Mayo	97	46	5	0	0	0	148
Roscommon	66	1	0	0	0	0	67
CHO2	599	100	30	0	0	0	729
Clare	226	14	3	0	0	0	243
Limerick	350	98	15	0	0	0	463
North Tipperary East Limerick	258	90	31	19	0	0	398
CHO3	834	202	49	19	0	0	1,104
Kerry	106	0	0	0	0	0	106
North Cork	176	37	0	0	0	0	213
North Lee	367	31	0	0	0	0	398
South Lee	317	50	35	59	50	124	635
West Cork	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
CHO4	1,016	118	35	59	50	124	1,402
Carlow Kilkenny	228	12	0	0	0	0	240
South Tipperary	175	22	1	0	0	0	198
Waterford	137	19	2	1	0	0	159
Wexford	271	276	141	16	0	0	704
CHO5	811	329	144	17	0	0	1,301
Dublin South East	130	0	0	0	0	0	130
Dun Laoghaire	101	18	4	12	8	2	145
Wicklow	9	34	3	0	0	0	46
CHO6	240	52	7	12	8	2	321
Dublin South City	190	103	23	39	15	0	370
Dublin South West	246	10	43	103	120	164	686
Dublin West	192	275	191	40	1	1	700
Kildare West Wicklow	380	90	0	0	0	0	470
CHO7	1,008	478	257	182	136	165	2,226
Laois Offaly	127	24	21	13	0	0	185
Longford Westmeath	316	137	46	0	0	0	499
Louth	262	0	0	0	0	0	262
Meath	155	85	0	0	0	0	240
CHO8	860	246	67	13	0	0	1,186
Dublin North	545	270	107	30	5	0	957
Dublin North Central	165	242	111	11	0	0	529
Dublin North West	424	187	134	55	1	0	801
CHO9	1,134	699	352	96	6	0	2,287
Total	6,946	2,352	997	398	200	291	11,184

APPENDIX 2

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of patients aged 18 years and older awaiting Initial Assessment - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	118	40	34	0	0	0	192
Donegal	146	23	3	2	1	70	245
Sligo Leitrim	150	18	0	0	0	0	168
CHO1	414	81	37	2	1	70	605
Galway	71	13	13	3	9	16	125
Mayo	6	2	0	5	0	0	13
Roscommon	10	12	2	3	1	0	28
CHO2	87	27	15	11	10	16	166
Clare	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Limerick	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
North Tipperary East Limerick	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
CHO3	34	1	0	0	0	0	35
Kerry	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
North Cork	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
North Lee	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
South Lee	32	0	0	0	0	0	32
West Cork	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
CHO4	94	0	0	0	0	0	94
Carlow Kilkenny	80	28	5	0	0	0	113
South Tipperary	31	1	0	0	0	0	32
Waterford	47	8	0	0	0	0	55
Wexford	17	1	0	0	0	0	18
CHO5	175	38	5	0	0	0	218
Dublin South East	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Dun Laoghaire	2	7	4	0	0	0	13
Wicklow	204	20	0	0	0	0	224
CHO6	236	27	4	0	0	0	267
Dublin South City	68	17	0	0	0	0	85
Dublin South West	134	37	0	0	0	0	171
Dublin West	75	12	4	7	0	5	103
Kildare West Wicklow	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
CHO7	295	66	4	7	0	5	377
Laos Offaly	144	65	10	16	4	0	239
Longford Westmeath	118	19	4	3	0	0	144
Louth	64	10	0	0	0	0	74
Meath	371	106	98	114	21	0	710
CHO8	697	200	112	133	25	0	1,167
Dublin North	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
Dublin North Central	152	81	50	21	2	0	306
Dublin North West	141	103	66	0	0	0	310
CHO9	326	184	116	21	2	0	649
Total	2,358	624	293	174	38	91	3,578

APPENDIX 3

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	371	168	90	0	0	0	629
Donegal	335	23	3	2	1	70	434
Sligo Leitrim	152	18	0	0	0	0	170
CHO1	858	209	93	2	1	70	1,233
Galway	507	66	38	3	9	16	639
Mayo	103	48	5	5	0	0	161
Roscommon	76	13	2	3	1	0	95
CHO2	686	127	45	11	10	16	895
Clare	242	14	3	0	0	0	259
Limerick	361	98	15	0	0	0	474
North Tipperary East Limerick	265	91	31	19	0	0	406
CHO3	868	203	49	19	0	0	1,139
Kerry	126	0	0	0	0	0	126
North Cork	190	37	0	0	0	0	227
North Lee	385	31	0	0	0	0	416
South Lee	349	50	35	59	50	124	667
West Cork	60	0	0	0	0	0	60
CHO4	1,110	118	35	59	50	124	1,496
Carlow Kilkenny	308	40	5	0	0	0	353
South Tipperary	206	23	1	0	0	0	230
Waterford	184	27	2	1	0	0	214
Wexford	288	277	141	16	0	0	722
CHO5	986	367	149	17	0	0	1,519
Dublin South East	160	0	0	0	0	0	160
Dun Laoghaire	103	25	8	12	8	2	158
Wicklow	213	54	3	0	0	0	270
CHO6	476	79	11	12	8	2	588
Dublin South City	258	120	23	39	15	0	455
Dublin South West	380	47	43	103	120	164	857
Dublin West	267	287	195	47	1	6	803
Kildare West Wicklow	398	90	0	0	0	0	488
CHO7	1,303	544	261	189	136	170	2,603
Laos Offaly	271	89	31	29	4	0	424
Longford Westmeath	434	156	50	3	0	0	643
Louth	326	10	0	0	0	0	336
Meath	526	191	98	114	21	0	950
CHO8	1,557	446	179	146	25	0	2,353
Dublin North	578	270	107	30	5	0	990
Dublin North Central	317	323	161	32	2	0	835
Dublin North West	565	290	200	55	1	0	1,111
CHO9	1,460	883	468	117	8	0	2,936
Total	9,304	2,976	1,290	572	238	382	14,762

APPENDIX 4

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
Sligo Leitrim	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
CHO1	67	0	0	0	0	0	67
Galway	169	26	1	0	0	0	196
Mayo	84	25	0	0	0	0	109
Roscommon	126	1	0	0	0	0	127
CHO2	379	52	1	0	0	0	432
Clare	69	31	9	0	0	0	109
Limerick	115	52	28	21	0	0	216
North Tipperary East Limerick	53	27	20	0	0	0	100
CHO3	237	110	57	21	0	0	425
Kerry	117	21	2	1	0	0	141
North Cork	44	49	60	18	0	0	171
North Lee	197	231	130	30	11	18	617
South Lee	192	99	31	0	0	0	322
West Cork	62	44	22	3	0	0	131
CHO4	612	444	245	52	11	18	1,382
Carlow Kilkenny	100	148	93	164	41	0	546
South Tipperary	133	89	26	7	0	0	255
Waterford	103	172	96	148	1	0	520
Wexford	172	112	103	88	41	0	516
CHO5	508	521	318	407	83	0	1,837
Dublin South East	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Dun Laoghaire	49	33	0	0	0	0	82
Wicklow	8	11	7	10	0	0	36
CHO6	66	44	7	10	0	0	127
Dublin South City	103	95	72	98	45	7	420
Dublin South West	136	85	49	58	0	0	328
Dublin West	166	222	185	147	56	13	789
Kildare West Wicklow	133	20	0	0	0	0	153
CHO7	538	422	306	303	101	20	1,690
Laois Offaly	137	86	79	32	2	0	336
Longford Westmeath	186	71	17	0	0	0	274
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	323	157	96	32	2	0	610
Dublin North	538	352	70	0	0	0	960
Dublin North Central	68	44	30	20	0	0	162
Dublin North West	210	96	55	6	0	0	367
CHO9	816	492	155	26	0	0	1,489
Total	3,546	2,242	1,185	851	197	38	8,059

APPENDIX 5

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of patients aged 18 years and older awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	61	13	0	0	0	0	74
CHO1	68	13	0	0	0	0	81
Galway	61	14	0	0	0	0	75
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2	61	14	0	0	0	0	75
Clare	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Limerick	14	10	2	0	0	0	26
North Tipperary East Limerick	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
CHO3	24	10	2	0	0	0	36
Kerry	6	2	0	0	0	0	8
North Cork	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
North Lee	6	5	2	0	0	0	13
South Lee	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	20	7	2	0	0	0	29
Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Tipperary	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO5	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	113	87	35	25	0	0	260
CHO6	113	87	35	25	0	0	260
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	9	11	14	0	0	0	34
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	9	11	14	0	0	0	34
Laos Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longford Westmeath	7	3	0	0	0	0	10
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	50	7	0	0	0	0	57
CHO8	57	10	0	0	0	0	67
Dublin North	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dublin North Central	17	2	4	0	0	0	23
Dublin North West	99	97	59	0	0	0	255
CHO9	117	99	63	0	0	0	279
Total	472	251	116	25	0	0	864

APPENDIX 6

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Donegal	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
Sligo Leitrim	69	13	0	0	0	0	82
CHO1	135	13	0	0	0	0	148
Galway	230	40	1	0	0	0	271
Mayo	84	25	0	0	0	0	109
Roscommon	126	1	0	0	0	0	127
CHO2	440	66	1	0	0	0	507
Clare	70	31	9	0	0	0	110
Limerick	129	62	30	21	0	0	242
North Tipperary East Limerick	62	27	20	0	0	0	109
CHO3	261	120	59	21	0	0	461
Kerry	123	23	2	1	0	0	149
North Cork	51	49	60	18	0	0	178
North Lee	203	236	132	30	11	18	630
South Lee	193	99	31	0	0	0	323
West Cork	62	44	22	3	0	0	131
CHO4	632	451	247	52	11	18	1,411
Carlow Kilkenny	100	148	93	164	41	0	546
South Tipperary	136	89	26	7	0	0	258
Waterford	103	172	96	148	1	0	520
Wexford	172	112	103	88	41	0	516
CHO5	511	521	318	407	83	0	1,840
Dublin South East	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Dun Laoghaire	49	33	0	0	0	0	82
Wicklow	121	98	42	35	0	0	296
CHO6	179	131	42	35	0	0	387
Dublin South City	103	95	72	98	45	7	420
Dublin South West	145	96	63	58	0	0	362
Dublin West	166	222	185	147	56	13	789
Kildare West Wicklow	133	20	0	0	0	0	153
CHO7	547	433	320	303	101	20	1,724
Laos Offaly	137	86	79	32	2	0	336
Longford Westmeath	193	74	17	0	0	0	284
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	50	7	0	0	0	0	57
CHO8	380	167	96	32	2	0	677
Dublin North	539	352	70	0	0	0	961
Dublin North Central	85	46	34	20	0	0	185
Dublin North West	309	193	114	6	0	0	622
CHO9	933	591	218	26	0	0	1,768
Total	4,018	2,493	1,301	876	197	38	8,923

APPENDIX 7

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	465	141	0	0	0	0	606
Sligo Leitrim	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
CHO1	467	141	0	0	0	0	608
Galway	467	193	67	33	1	0	761
Mayo	121	1	0	0	0	0	122
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2	588	194	67	33	1	0	883
Clare	197	155	58	9	0	0	419
Limerick	392	221	128	37	35	0	813
North Tipperary East Limerick	236	62	69	0	0	0	367
CHO3	825	438	255	46	35	0	1,599
Kerry	289	75	7	1	0	0	372
North Cork	151	83	57	61	0	0	352
North Lee	221	241	168	45	13	40	728
South Lee	209	190	134	18	38	51	640
West Cork	157	108	42	10	0	0	317
CHO4	1,027	697	408	135	51	91	2,409
Carlow Kilkenny	101	63	14	6	1	0	185
South Tipperary	0	166	393	0	0	0	559
Waterford	32	17	14	17	3	0	83
Wexford	123	118	92	79	20	2	434
CHO5	256	364	513	102	24	2	1,261
Dublin South East	0	112	0	0	0	0	112
Dun Laoghaire	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
Wicklow	14	8	0	0	0	0	22
CHO6	47	120	0	0	0	0	167
Dublin South City	173	133	104	137	47	0	594
Dublin South West	259	176	121	133	17	0	706
Dublin West	224	305	216	147	76	7	975
Kildare West Wicklow	107	32	3	0	0	0	142
CHO7	763	646	444	417	140	7	2,417
Laois Offaly	44	83	79	34	0	0	240
Longford Westmeath	304	138	69	0	0	0	511
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	348	221	148	34	0	0	751
Dublin North	762	604	157	0	0	0	1,523
Dublin North Central	71	144	60	38	0	0	313
Dublin North West	422	194	103	7	0	0	726
CHO9	1,255	942	320	45	0	0	2,562
Total	5,576	3,763	2,155	812	251	100	12,657

APPENDIX 8

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of patients aged 18 years and older awaiting Further Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	144	61	14	5	0	3	227
CHO1	168	61	14	5	0	3	251
Galway	85	22	5	5	18	146	281
Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roscommon	0	0	0	1	18	0	19
CHO2	85	22	5	6	36	146	300
Clare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	29	0	2	0	0	0	31
North Tipperary East Limerick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO3	29	0	2	0	0	0	31
Kerry	40	2	0	0	0	0	42
North Cork	16	9	0	0	0	0	25
North Lee	10	29	8	5	2	0	54
South Lee	19	11	3	1	0	0	34
West Cork	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
CHO4	88	51	11	6	2	0	158
Carlow Kilkenny	71	0	0	0	0	0	71
South Tipperary	0	5	8	0	0	0	13
Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO5	71	5	8	0	0	0	84
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	23	21	28	32	18	19	141
Wicklow	89	71	24	26	31	25	266
CHO6	112	92	52	58	49	44	407
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	15	14	6	0	0	0	35
Dublin West	82	0	1	14	11	56	164
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	97	14	7	14	11	56	199
Laois Offaly	29	18	12	1	0		60
Longford Westmeath	39	13	3	2	0	0	57
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	17	0	7	0	0	0	24
CHO8	85	31	22	3	0	0	141
Dublin North	53	1	0	0	0	0	54
Dublin North Central	151	80	0	0	0	0	231
Dublin North West	107	104	69	0	0	0	280
CHO9	311	185	69	0	0	0	565
Total	1,046	461	190	92	98	249	2,136

APPENDIX 9

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 2019

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Donegal	465	141	0	0	0	0	606
Sligo Leitrim	146	61	14	5	0	3	229
CHO1	635	202	14	5	0	3	859
Galway	552	215	72	38	19	146	1,042
Mayo	121	1	0	0	0	0	122
Roscommon	0	0	0	1	18	0	19
CHO2	673	216	72	39	37	146	1,183
Clare	197	155	58	9	0	0	419
Limerick	421	221	130	37	35	0	844
North Tipperary East Limerick	236	62	69	0	0	0	367
CHO3	854	438	257	46	35	0	1,630
Kerry	329	77	7	1	0	0	414
North Cork	167	92	57	61	0	0	377
North Lee	231	270	176	50	15	40	782
South Lee	228	201	137	19	38	51	674
West Cork	160	108	42	10	0	0	320
CHO4	1,115	748	419	141	53	91	2,567
Carlow Kilkenny	172	63	14	6	1	0	256
South Tipperary	0	171	401	0	0	0	572
Waterford	32	17	14	17	3	0	83
Wexford	123	118	92	79	20	2	434
CHO5	327	369	521	102	24	2	1,345
Dublin South East	0	112	0	0	0	0	112
Dun Laoghaire	56	21	28	32	18	19	174
Wicklow	103	79	24	26	31	25	288
CHO6	159	212	52	58	49	44	574
Dublin South City	173	133	104	137	47	0	594
Dublin South West	274	190	127	133	17	0	741
Dublin West	306	305	217	161	87	63	1,139
Kildare West Wicklow	107	32	3	0	0	0	142
CHO7	860	660	451	431	151	63	2,616
Laois Offaly	73	101	91	35	0	0	300
Longford Westmeath	343	151	72	2	0	0	568
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	17	0	7	0	0	0	24
CHO8	433	252	170	37	0	0	892
Dublin North	815	605	157	0	0	0	1,577
Dublin North Central	222	224	60	38	0	0	544
Dublin North West	529	298	172	7	0	0	1,006
CHO9	1,566	1,127	389	45	0	0	3,127
Total	6,622	4,224	2,345	904	349	349	14,793