



30th October 2019

Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 43109/19 - SLT Service - Niamh Smyth To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that availed of speech and language therapy in a primary care setting in counties Cavan and Monaghan to date in 2019; the number on the waiting list for speech and language therapy; the length of time each has been on the waiting list.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response.

Please see below table which provides the detail in response to your question for Counties Cavan & Monaghan.

| Primary Care Services, Cavan & Monaghan Speech & Language Therapy, Jan-Sep 2019 | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| | Cavan Paediatrics (Primary Care Team Service) | Cavan Adults (Primary Care Network Service) | Monaghan Paediatrics (Primary Care Team Service) | Monaghan Adults (Primary Care Network Service) |
| Number of clients who availed of SLT In a Primary Care setting | 2685 | 520 | 1560 | 420 |
| Total Number on the Waiting List – September 2019 | 141 | 30 | 235 | 31 |
| Number waiting assessment in September 2019 by wait time: | | | | |
| Wait time 0-4 months | 136 | 30 | 109 | 31 |
| Wait time 4 months & 1 day - 8 months | 5 | | 80 | 0 |
| Wait time 8 months & 1 day - 12 months | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 |

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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An Cabhán, Muineachán, Sligeach, Liatroim & Dún na nGall

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