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**RE PQ 38384/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting an initial assessment for occupational therapy in County Louth that are under 18, 18 to 65 and over 65 years of age, respectively.**

**RE PQ 38382/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting an initial assessment for occupational therapy in County Louth; and the number that have been waiting for 3, 6, 12 and more than 12 months, respectively for this assessment.**

**RE PQ 38383/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a therapeutic appointment for occupational therapy treatment in County Louth; and the number of these persons that are under 18, 18 to 65, and over 65 years of age, respectively.**

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

**PQ 38384/19:** The table below summarises the number waiting, and per age group - as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Age Range	Awaiting first time assessment on the last day of the working month (August 2019)
0- 4 yrs & 11 months	228
5 yrs - 17 yrs & 11 months	507
18 - 64 yrs & 11 months	61
65 yrs and over	283
	Total = 1079

**PQ 38382/19:** The table below summarises the numbers waiting, as of August 31st, broken down per waiting time bands, in weeks.

<b>Awaiting first time assessment on the last day of the working month (August 2019)</b>	<b>0 -&lt; 12 weeks</b>	<b>&gt; 12 - &lt; 26 weeks</b>	<b>&gt;26 weeks - &lt; 39 weeks</b>	<b>&gt;39 - &lt; 52 weeks</b>	<b>&gt; 52 weeks</b>	<b>Longest Waiting (in weeks)</b>
1079	361	225	110	92	291	158 weeks

**PQ 38383/19:** The response to this is as per response to PQ 38384/19, as we do not operate separate waiting lists for initial assessment, and then another for first appointment; once a case has been opened and assessment completed, then interventions commence.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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