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Deputy Denis Naughten,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 13915/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the wait times for an appointment with an addiction counsellor by county within the Saolta group; the number of persons on each list; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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.

The wait times for an appointment with an addiction counsellors and the number of people on each waiting list is broken down in Table 1 below by waiting in both Mental Health Services (MHS) and Primary Care Services (Note that some counties are collated collectively);

Table 1:

County	Waiting Time (MHS)	Waiting List Total (MHS)	Waiting Time (Primary Care)	Waiting List Total (Primary Care)
Donegal	2 – 3 Weeks	0	2 – 3 Weeks	0
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan/South Donegal	4 – 16 weeks	19	4 – 16 weeks	10
Cavan/Monaghan	4 – 6 Weeks	15*	4 – 6 Weeks	*
Mayo	1 – 3 Weeks	0	1 – 3 Weeks	3
Galway	2 – 3 Weeks	9	3 Months	25
Roscommon	1 – 3 Weeks	0	3 Months	22
Total		43*		60*

*Note that waiting list total for Cavan/Monaghan is combined between MHS and Primary Care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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