



14th July 2020

Deputy James Browne,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 15550/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form

PQ 15551/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form

PQ 15552/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language further treatment waiting list in each local health area at the end of June 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number in each category waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus years of age, respectively in tabular form

-James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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 spread of COVID-19 is posing significant challenges for many service areas, including all Therapy Services. In light of these unprecedented challenges together with the Government's guidance on social distancing and on 'Cocooning' for those aged over 70, the HSE has had to reassess its operation of Community Therapy Services nationally, to ensure that the assessed needs of those clients with the highest priority are met.

As a result of the national effort across all Community Healthcare Organisations throughout the country, some aspects of normal monthly reporting have been delayed. Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of May 2020 which is the latest data available at this time. Please see below appendices which contain the following in tabular form;

Appendix 1 - Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2020

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2020

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Please note the list of LHO areas at the bottom of the Appendix which did not return data, as some areas were not in a position to return data due to staff being redeployed to Covid-19 related duties. Please also note that because of this the overall accuracy of the waiting list data is impacted.

The HSE is working to ensure timely access to children and adults requiring therapy services, and to reduce long waiting times for these important services.

As this is an evolving and unprecedented situation, the HSE will keep matters in review and will advise clients and/or family members accordingly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Siobhán McArdle,
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APPENDIX 1

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2020

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	266	248	61	10	0	0	585
Donegal	412	52	0	4	3	73	544
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	678	300	61	14	3	73	1,129
Galway	630	250	52	34	4	18	988
Mayo	292	44	7	0	0	0	343
Roscommon	97	6	3	1	1	0	108
CHO2	1,019	300	62	35	5	18	1,439
Clare	156	43	57	14	2	0	272
Limerick	240	280	18	15	25	25	603
North Tipperary East Limerick	194	171	54	47	0	0	466
CHO3	590	494	129	76	27	25	1,341
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	253	217	27	12	0	0	509
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	203	164	15	0	0	0	382
Wexford	192	332	270	73	0	0	867
CHO5	648	713	312	85	0	0	1,758
Dublin South East	130	26	9	9	10	0	184
Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	377	109	45	51	18	0	600
CHO6	507	135	54	60	28	0	784
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	249	267	28	41	110	307	1,002
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	332	396	24	0	0	0	752
CHO7	581	663	52	41	110	307	1,754
Laois Offaly	536	100	19	29	14	0	698
Longford Westmeath	529	194	116	50	0	0	889
Louth	375	79	0	0	0	0	454
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	1,440	373	135	79	14	0	2,041
Dublin North	469	529	343	129	56	0	1,526
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	469	529	343	129	56	0	1,526
Total	5,932	3,507	1,148	519	243	423	11,772

Note : May data not returned for Sligo Leitrim, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, South Tipperary, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South City, Dublin West, Meath, Dublin North Central and Dublin West.

APPENDIX 2

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2020

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	150	222	53	10	0	0	435
Donegal	400	45	0	0	0	0	445
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	550	267	53	10	0	0	880
Galway	475	206	45	31	2	14	773
Mayo	268	44	5	0	0	0	317
Roscommon	71	0	0	0	0	0	71
CHO2	814	250	50	31	2	14	1,161
Clare	152	43	57	14	2	0	268
Limerick	226	262	18	15	25	25	571
North Tipperary East Limerick	175	171	54	47	0	0	447
CHO3	553	476	129	76	27	25	1,286
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	141	142	0	0	0	0	283
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	145	158	15	0	0	0	318
Wexford	165	330	270	73	0	0	838
CHO5	451	630	285	73	0	0	1,439
Dublin South East	64	26	9	9	10	0	118
Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	64	26	9	9	10	0	118
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	167	182	8	41	110	307	815
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	283	396	24	0	0	0	703
CHO7	450	578	32	41	110	307	1,518
Laois Offaly	459	28	0	0	0	0	487
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	340	0	0	0	0	0	340
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	799	28	0	0	0	0	827
Dublin North	395	529	343	129	56	0	1,452
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	395	529	343	129	56	0	1,452
Total	4,076	2,784	901	369	205	346	8,681

Note : May data not returned for Sligo Leitrim, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, South Tipperary, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South City, Dublin West, Meath, Dublin North Central and Dublin West.

APPENDIX 3

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - May 2020

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	79	16	0	0	0	0	95
Donegal	199	0	0	0	0	0	199
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	278	16	0	0	0	0	294
Galway	192	120	78	74	78	182	724
Mayo	180	24	0	0	0	0	204
Roscommon	123	40	0	0	0	0	163
CHO2	495	184	78	74	78	182	1,091
Clare	56	55	32	15	5	0	163
Limerick	83	48	50	18	10	25	234
North Tipperary East Limerick	16	27	3	0	0	0	46
CHO3	155	130	85	33	15	25	443
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	38	85	101	172	146	58	600
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	36	67	93	205	129	31	561
Wexford	35	109	137	115	41	14	451
CHO5	109	261	331	492	316	103	1,612
Dublin South East	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Dun Laoghaire	22	71	18	0	0	0	111
Wicklow	189	99	62	58	6	0	414
CHO6	224	170	80	58	6	0	538
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	61	102	121	86	40	8	418
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	61	29	0	0	0	0	90
CHO7	122	131	121	86	40	8	508
Laois Offaly	113	122	92	65	0	0	392
Longford Westmeath	139	67	22	1	1	0	230
Louth	28	0	0	0	0	0	28
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	280	189	114	66	1	0	650
Dublin North	105	248	355	49	0	0	757
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	105	248	355	49	0	0	757
Total	1,768	1,329	1,164	858	456	318	5,893

Note : May data not returned for Sligo Leitrim, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, South Tipperary, Dublin South City, Dublin West, Meath, Dublin North Central and Dublin West.

APPENDIX 4

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - May 2020

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	197	0	0	0	0	0	197
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	197	0	0	0	0	0	197
Galway	124	92	76	74	78	182	626
Mayo	172	24	0	0	0	0	196
Roscommon	123	40	0	0	0	0	163
CHO2	419	156	76	74	78	182	985
Clare	56	55	32	15	5	0	163
Limerick	67	37	42	18	10	25	199
North Tipperary East Limerick	16	21	3	0	0	0	40
CHO3	139	113	77	33	15	25	402
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	38	85	101	172	146	58	600
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	36	67	93	205	129	31	561
Wexford	35	109	136	114	40	14	448
CHO5	109	261	330	491	315	103	1,609
Dublin South East	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Dun Laoghaire	22	71	18	0	0	0	111
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	28	71	18	0	0	0	117
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	59	91	116	86	40	8	400
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	61	29	0	0	0	0	90
CHO7	120	120	116	86	40	8	490
Laos Offaly	113	122	92	0	0	0	327
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	113	122	92	0	0	0	327
Dublin North	101	248	355	49	0	0	753
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	101	248	355	49	0	0	753
Total	1,226	1,091	1,064	733	448	318	4,880

Note : May data not returned for Sligo Leitrim, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, South Tipperary, Dublin South City, Dublin West, Meath, Dublin North Central and Dublin West.

APPENDIX 5

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - May 2020

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	332	10	0	0	0	0	342
Donegal	946	543	0	0	0	0	1,489
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	1,278	553	0	0	0	0	1,831
Galway	1,035	386	104	29	10	123	1,687
Mayo	236	13	0	3	0	0	252
Roscommon	59	0	0	0	0	0	59
CHO2	1,330	399	104	32	10	123	1,998
Clare	269	234	114	39	4	0	660
Limerick	415	225	113	82	23	6	864
North Tipperary East Limerick	181	63	20	11	0	0	275
CHO3	865	522	247	132	27	6	1,799
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	243	82	72	134	7	0	538
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	6	18	23	32	20	4	103
Wexford	142	206	144	85	35	11	623
CHO5	391	306	239	251	62	15	1,264
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	64	65	27	30	17	3	206
Wicklow	245	167	56	59	48	0	575
CHO6	309	232	83	89	65	3	781
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	200	220	210	144	87	18	879
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	889	154	11	0	0	0	1,054
CHO7	1,089	374	221	144	87	18	1,933
Laois Offaly	153	108	56	35	9	0	361
Longford Westmeath	351	175	96	9	1	0	632
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	504	283	152	44	10	0	993
Dublin North	418	612	542	102	0	0	1,674
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	418	612	542	102	0	0	1,674
Total	6,184	3,281	1,588	794	261	165	12,273

Note : May data not returned for Sligo Leitrim, Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork, South Tipperary, Dublin South City, Dublin West, Meath, Dublin North Central and Dublin West.

APPENDIX 6

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - May 2020

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	247	10	0	0	0	0	257
Donegal	920	440	0	0	0	0	1,360
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	1,167	450	0	0	0	0	1,617
Galway	799	344	71	25	5	3	1,247
Mayo	235	13	0	2	0	0	250
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2	1,034	357	71	27	5	3	1,497
Clare	195	196	114	39	4	0	548
Limerick	386	225	113	81	23	6	834
North Tipperary East Limerick	181	63	20	11	0	0	275
CHO3	762	484	247	131	27	6	1,657
Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlow Kilkenny	183	82	72	65	7	0	409
South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford	6	18	23	32	20	4	103
Wexford	142	206	143	84	35	9	619
CHO5	331	306	238	181	62	13	1,131
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	40	43	0	0	0	0	83
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	40	43	0	0	0	0	83
Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin South West	152	211	205	140	85	13	806
Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kildare West Wicklow	889	154	11	0	0	0	1,054
CHO7	1,041	365	216	140	85	13	1,860
Laos Offaly	153	108	56	35	9	0	361
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	153	108	56	35	9	0	361
Dublin North	311	609	542	102	0	0	1,564
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO9	311	609	542	102	0	0	1,564
Total	4,839	2,722	1,370	616	188	35	9,770

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