

Office of the Head of Primary Care
South East Community Healthcare
HSE Offices, Lacken
Dublin Road
Kilkenny

Telephone +353 56 7784100

10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Mr. Johnny Mythen TD Dáil Eireann Leinster House Dublin 2

## PQ 19419/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO5; the number that have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

| Area            | No. of persons awaiting assessment for speech & language therapy | No.<br>waiting<br><4mths | No.<br>waiting<br>4-8mths | No.<br>waiting<br>8-12 mths | No. waiting >12mths |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Carlow/Kilkenny | 515  | 105                      | 251                       | 147                         | 12                  |
| South Tipperary | 362  | 128                      | 193                       | 40                          | 1                   |
| Waterford       | 377  | 117                      | 210                       | 50                          | 0                   |
| Wexford         | 606  | 121                      | 355                       | 130                         | 0                   |

| Area            | No. of persons awaiting speech & language therapy | No.<br>waiting<br><4mths | No.<br>waiting<br>4-8mths | No.<br>waiting<br>8-12 mths | No. waiting >12mths |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Carlow/Kilkenny | 1120  | 172                      | 188                       | 170                         | 590                 |
| South Tipperary | 218   | 17                       | 86                        | 71                          | 44                  |
| Waterford       | 573   | 25                       | 73                        | 101                         | 374                 |
| Wexford         | 460   | 15                       | 117                       | 149                         | 179                 |

| Area                   | No. of persons awaiting both assessment & SLT | No.<br>waiting<br><4mths | No.<br>waiting<br>4-8mths | No.<br>waiting<br>8-12mths | No. waiting >12mths |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Carlow/Kilkenny        | 1635  | 277                      | 439                       | 317                        | 602                 |
| <b>South Tipperary</b> | 580   | 145                      | 279                       | 111                        | 45                  |
| Waterford              | 950   | 142                      | 283                       | 151                        | 374                 |
| Wexford                | 1066  | 136                      | 472                       | 279                        | 179                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Please note the statistics are collated in the format <4mths, 4-8mths, 8-12mths and >12mths and not the format requested in the PQ.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jeanne Hendrick

A/Head of Service-Primary Care
South East Community Healthcare

<sup>\*</sup>Please note the Waterford data includes CRC (central remedial clinic) both local and regional services