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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 months; the number that have been waiting 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. waiting <4mths	No. waiting 4-8mths	No. waiting 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. waiting <4mths	No. waiting 4-8mths	No. waiting 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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

  
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