



13th August 2020

Deputy Pat Buckley,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 20659/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a primary care psychology appointment on 17 June 2020; and the number of such children waiting over 2, 3, 6, 12 and 18 months, respectively

-Pat Buckley

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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. Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists in Physiotherapy as of June 2020, which is the latest available data at this time.


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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Siobhán McArdle', written in a cursive style.

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Siobhán McArdle,
Head of Operations Primary Care,
Community Operations

**Appendix 1: Psychology - Number of Patients aged 0 to 17 years waiting for treatment
June 2020**

CHO	Former LHO	0 - 4 Years					5 - 17 Years					TOTAL
		0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	1	12	3	0	0	33	56	11	0	0	116
	Donegal	0	0	0	1	0	26	59	62	47	111	306
	Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO1 Total	1	12	3	1	0	59	115	73	47	111	422
CHO 2	Galway	27	11	17	10	12	52	133	101	159	942	1,464
	Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Roscommon	2	5	5	1	3	5	16	8	5	64	114
	CHO2 Total	29	16	22	11	15	57	149	109	164	1,006	1,578
CHO 3	Clare	2	10	5	3	3	10	27	34	14	64	172
	Limerick	6	16	9	9	5	19	42	31	32	96	265
	North Tipperary East Limerick	0	3	0	2	2	3	12	9	6	42	79
	CHO3 Total	8	29	14	14	10	32	81	74	52	202	516
CHO 4	Kerry	3	2	4	3	4	20	25	30	24	88	203
	North Cork	2	5	3	1	0	15	26	21	20	10	103
	North Lee	9	7	3	1	5	25	55	38	36	171	350
	South Lee	5	11	9	5	3	15	64	47	45	297	501
	West Cork	1	3	1	0	3	14	21	19	18	55	135
	CHO4 Total	20	28	20	10	15	89	191	155	143	621	1,292
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	11
	South Tipperary	1	14	3	6	9	13	43	31	21	57	198
	Waterford	5	18	5	8	2	53	54	55	56	90	346
	Wexford	5	5	4	0	5	27	47	28	26	148	295
	CHO5 Total	11	37	12	14	16	103	145	114	103	295	850
CHO 6	Dublin South East	28	6	1	0	0	14	7	5	0	0	61
	Dun Laoghaire	6	5	2	1	0	12	31	23	30	4	114
	Wicklow	5	8	5	7	0	13	52	32	24	0	146
	CHO6 Total	39	19	8	8	0	39	90	60	54	4	321
CHO 7	Dublin South City	1	10	6	5	11	4	20	20	18	64	159
	Dublin South West	8	24	17	21	86	16	36	14	29	130	381
	Dublin West	0	12	13	8	10	8	48	54	69	214	436
	Kildare West Wicklow	5	13	13	13	13	28	68	67	62	288	570
	CHO7 Total	14	59	49	47	120	56	172	155	178	696	1,546
	Laois Offaly	0	4	1	4	2	67	64	42	3	3	190

CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	2	0	0	1	0	12	26	14	4	1	60
	Louth	1	12	6	0	0	15	15	12	3	2	66
	Meath	6	7	10	2	0	48	99	73	42	8	295
	CHO8 Total	9	23	17	7	2	142	204	141	52	14	611
CHO 9	Dublin North	2	8	11	6	79	38	42	94	69	345	694
	Dublin Nth Central	0	9	9	9	22	0	21	30	16	65	181
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO9 Total	2	17	20	15	101	38	63	124	85	410	875
National Total		133	240	165	127	279	615	1,210	1,005	878	3,359	8,011

Note: June data not returned for Sligo/Leitrim, Mayo and Dublin North West