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Mr. Johnny Guirke T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question – 20696/20**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting an occupational therapy appointment in counties Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath, Louth and Meath CHO8 by county; the number that have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 months and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response in below table as per available collated figures.

<b>CHO 8 – L/O, L/W, Louth and Meath OT Figures as of the end of June 2020</b>				
	<b>Meath</b>	<b>Louth</b>	<b>L/O</b>	<b>L/W</b>
Less than 12 weeks	306	221	254	221
13 weeks to 26 weeks	199	303	471	260
27 weeks to 39 weeks	217	167	328	146
Over 39 weeks to under 52 weeks	132	93	244	31
Over 52 weeks	27	415	1205	2
Total	881	1199	2502	660

**Please note:** The above total figure represents service users of all ages waiting for first time assessment in Co Meath but does not include mental health and early intervention services. The latter is provided through enable Ireland service.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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