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Mr. Johnny Guirke T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 20697/20

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

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.

CHO 8 – L/O, L/W, Louth Meath – Figures up to end July 2020					
	Waiting time	Louth	Meath	LW	LO
Number waiting assessment	0-4 mths	288	340	521	751
	4-8mths	53	444	181	138
	8 - 12 mths	0	306	96	41
	12 mths	0	227	125	49
Number waiting therapy	0-4 mths	17	16	208	57
	4-8 mths	0	0	127	103
	6-12 mths	0	0	0	110
	12 mths	0	0	0	87

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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Acting Chief Officer CHO Area 8