



12th March 2020

Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 3518/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care at the end of February 2020 or the latest date available by LHO; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form

-Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

Audiology is one of a range of multi-disciplinary services provided through Primary Care in Community Healthcare Organisations. Audiology services provide assessment, information and intervention for children and eligible adults with potential or suspected difficulties with their hearing, auditory function, or balance, or with tinnitus.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Audiology in community services as of January 2020 for patients aged 0 -17 years. Please note that February waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of March.

Please note that where there is a zero in a particular field in most instances this means there is nobody on the waiting list for the particular LHO / period of time waiting. It is important to note that the overall total in the attachments represents the entirety of the waiting lists.

The HSE is committed to the provision of high quality, safe and accessible community services for all children and eligible adults.

Yours sincerely,

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Siobhán McArdle,
Head of Operations Primary Care,
Community Operations

Appendix 1: Audiology - Number of Patients aged 0 to 17 years old waiting for treatment January 2020

CHO	Former LHO	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					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	8	14	9	7	0	14	33	13	10	0	108
	Donegal	185	59	6	22	0	140	77	7	16	0	512
	Sligo Leitrim	82	45	28	3	0	77	54	13	0	0	302
	CHO1 Total	275	118	43	32	0	231	164	33	26	0	922
CHO 2	Galway	43	46	73	41	52	62	37	51	0	0	405
	Mayo	40	32	29	0	0	55	18	5	0	0	179
	Roscommon	18	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	37
	CHO2 Total	101	78	102	41	52	136	55	56	0	0	621
CHO 3	Clare	16	18	12	2	0	23	11	7	0	0	89
	Limerick	48	45	41	30	48	61	10	20	30	6	339
	North Tipperary East Limerick	0	0	0	0	0	14	10	16	18	11	69
	CHO3 Total	64	63	53	32	48	98	31	43	48	17	497
CHO 4	Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	South Lee	207	174	170	160	149	201	86	96	70	18	1,331
	West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO4 Total	207	174	170	160	149	201	86	96	70	18	1,331
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	33	36	39	38	23	21	15	11	8	6	230
	South Tipperary	33	34	24	51	56	46	21	20	17	13	315
	Waterford	45	44	29	43	111	15	12	20	22	89	430
	Wexford	32	28	29	25	114	54	31	41	45	162	561
	CHO5 Total	143	142	121	157	304	136	79	92	92	270	1,536
CHO 6	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO6 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO 7	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	75	60	47	23	0	187	107	103	0	0	602
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	14	19	31	17	57	117	48	111	36	12	462
	CHO7 Total	89	79	78	40	57	304	155	214	36	12	1,064
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford Westmeath	66	48	42	34	227	49	40	45	34	129	714
	Louth	7	14	22	0	0	26	8	0	0	0	77
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	CHO8 Total	73	62	64	34	227	75	48	45	34	129	791
CHO 9	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin Nth Central	106	139	68	0	0	183	190	50	0	0	736
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO9 Total	106	139	68	0	0	183	190	50	0	0	736
National Total		1,058	855	699	496	837	1,364	808	629	306	446	7,498

Note: January data not returned for
Laois/Offaly