



12th March 2020

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

PQ 3519/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for an ophthalmology 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.

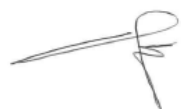
Ophthalmology is one of a range of multi-disciplinary services provided through Primary Care in Community Healthcare Organisations. Eye care in Ireland encompasses a range of services including HSE directly provided services and contracted primary care services. HSE directly provided services includes vision surveillance and screening at birth, preschool and primary school in addition to assessment, diagnosis and treatment of visual impairment and other ocular pathologies in adults and children. The latter services are provided by Primary Eye Care/Ophthalmology teams comprised of a number of eye care specialists.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Ophthalmology in community services as of January 2020 for patients aged 0 to 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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**Appendix 1: Ophthalmology - 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	46	66	21	0	0	160	90	66	0	0	449
	Donegal	95	90	44	13	11	133	99	45	25	37	592
	Sligo Leitrim	45	50	58	42	27	50	30	49	39	27	417
	CHO1 Total	186	206	123	55	38	343	219	160	64	64	1,458
CHO 2	Galway	301	327	300	278	821	194	109	70	100	144	2,644
	Mayo	83	100	63	38	46	131	43	9	8	12	533
	Roscommon	43	127	159	188	306	20	35	36	39	70	1,023
	CHO2 Total	427	554	522	504	1,173	345	187	115	147	226	4,200
CHO 3	Clare	35	17	10	1	0	201	30	16	14	10	334
	Limerick	25	16	16	25	20	119	35	46	52	42	396
	North Tipperary East Limerick	29	16	1	0	0	131	58	27	24	41	327
	CHO3 Total	89	49	27	26	20	451	123	89	90	93	1,057
CHO 4	Kerry	47	9	6	7	24	131	28	28	38	322	640
	North Cork	67	49	24	30	62	37	22	20	11	75	397
	North Lee	100	12	8	20	17	167	44	70	68	848	1,354
	South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	West Cork	7	4	2	2	0	30	3	0	0	0	48
	CHO4 Total	221	74	40	59	103	365	97	118	117	1,245	2,439
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	46	14	2	2	0	49	11	2	0	0	126
	South Tipperary	112	105	51	61	253	89	23	30	24	29	777
	Waterford	68	3	0	0	0	59	10	0	0	0	140
	Wexford	96	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	0	0	188
	CHO5 Total	322	122	53	63	253	289	44	32	24	29	1,231
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	195	0	0	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	323
	CHO6 Total	195	0	0	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	323
CHO 7	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	186	115	59	42	30	115	39	37	18	1	642
	CHO7 Total	186	115	59	42	30	115	39	37	18	1	642
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Louth	69	78	49	50	78	87	77	50	19	33	590

	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO8 Total	69	78	49	50	78	87	77	50	19	33	590
CHO 9	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin Nth Central	88	28	69	69	571	548	71	238	327	556	2,565
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO9 Total	88	28	69	69	571	548	71	238	327	556	2,565
National Total		1,783	1,226	942	868	2,266	2,671	857	839	806	2,247	14,505

Note: January data not returned for Meath