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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 3520/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a dietetic 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.


A Dietician is a qualified healthcare professional who assesses diet and nutritional status and provides evidence-based advice on all aspects of nutrition and diet in order to promote health, prevent disease and help manage existing conditions. A Dietician provides advice to help manage various health conditions in children and adults.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Dietetics 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,
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Appendix 1: Dietetics - 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	2	0	1	0	6	0	3	8	1	29
	Donegal	45	20	3	0	0	50	12	14	2	0	146
	Sligo Leitrim	20	11	4	1	1	25	35	6	2	2	107
	CHO1 Total	73	33	7	2	1	81	47	23	12	3	282
CHO 2	Galway	67	23	18	16	32	21	6	8	6	13	210
	Mayo	10	6	4	4	9	9	17	12	5	8	84
	Roscommon	16	13	9	3	10	9	13	15	11	26	125
	CHO2 Total	93	42	31	23	51	39	36	35	22	47	419
CHO 3	Clare	14	9	5	1	15	11	5	5	6	51	122
	Limerick	23	22	20	23	62	13	20	17	36	170	406
	North Tipperary East Limerick	4	7	5	6	29	1	9	7	6	53	127
	CHO3 Total	41	38	30	30	106	25	34	29	48	274	655
CHO 4	Kerry	34	22	3	0	0	27	16	4	2	0	108
	North Cork	32	5	6	1	0	20	6	1	1	0	72
	North Lee	54	8	0	0	0	37	10	2	0	1	112
	South Lee	61	20	6	1	0	46	6	3	1	0	144
	West Cork	15	2	1	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	39
	CHO4 Total	196	57	16	2	0	141	48	10	4	1	475
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	26	25	26	19	27	20	15	31	14	48	251
	South Tipperary	15	30	19	14	63	11	9	7	17	94	279
	Waterford	30	30	41	24	13	25	15	21	12	32	243
	Wexford	35	24	3	6	38	30	15	12	7	115	285
	CHO5 Total	106	109	89	63	141	86	54	71	50	289	1,058
CHO 6	Dublin South East	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
	Dun Laoghaire	11	10	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	24
	Wicklow	26	7	1	0	0	35	4	0	0	0	73
	CHO6 Total	42	17	1	0	0	36	6	1	0	0	103
CHO 7	Dublin South City	22	7	3	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	45
	Dublin South West	55	52	8	1	0	16	29	2	1	1	165
	Dublin West	28	29	5	0	0	13	16	6	6	1	104
	Kildare West Wicklow	77	28	12	2	1	27	20	9	3	3	182
	CHO7 Total	182	116	28	3	1	64	70	17	10	5	496
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	36	12	1	0	0	44	28	1	0	0	122
	Longford Westmeath	48	13	3	2	2	53	18	11	0	4	154
	Louth	22	30	16	7	7	7	5	8	2	5	109

	Meath	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
	CHO8 Total	111	55	20	9	9	109	51	20	2	9	395
CHO 9	Dublin North	19	5	13	7	64	14	5	5	1	45	178
	Dublin Nth Central	35	21	16	16	1	4	5	4	3	0	105
	Dublin North West	72	10	1	0	0	15	15	3	0	0	116
	CHO9 Total	126	36	30	23	65	33	25	12	4	45	399
National Total		970	503	252	155	374	614	371	218	152	673	4,282