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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,  
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**PQ 3525/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a first assessment for occupational therapy 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.

Occupational Therapy is one of a range of multi-disciplinary services provided through Community Healthcare Organisations. Occupational Therapy is a healthcare profession offering support to people with physical, psychological and social problems to enable them to live life to the fullest. Occupational therapists help people to do the everyday activities that they want to do and need to do when faced with illness, injury, and disability or challenging life events.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list First Time Assessment in Occupational Therapy 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,  
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## Appendix 1: Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients aged 0 to 17 years old awaiting First Time Assessment 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	26	38	31	5	26	64	77	57	57	548	929
	Donegal	21	26	15	11	1	36	25	38	31	12	216
	Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO1 Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>1,145</b>
CHO 2	Galway	7	9	1	2	0	55	52	28	1	0	155
	Mayo	30	22	27	24	102	44	51	53	76	602	1,031
	Roscommon	32	4	14	19	3	90	103	82	66	338	751
	<b>CHO2 Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>1,937</b>
CHO 3	Clare	2	0	0	0	0	25	6	1	0	0	34
	Limerick	5	4	1	0	0	48	30	9	0	0	97
	North Tipperary East Limerick	5	2	0	0	0	36	21	34	16	4	118
	<b>CHO3 Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>249</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	26	25	19	12	17	52	53	52	65	261	582
	North Cork	8	9	10	7	10	34	32	37	49	219	415
	North Lee	45	42	19	32	15	142	96	138	119	507	1,155
	South Lee	37	29	9	1	9	128	97	91	61	115	577
	West Cork	8	8	6	6	4	41	44	25	40	65	247
	<b>CHO4 Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>2,976</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	50	69	44	41	75	75	83	85	76	214	812
	South Tipperary	41	38	22	25	62	93	53	59	71	125	589
	Waterford	24	38	37	32	129	57	58	63	57	336	831
	Wexford	52	31	62	39	105	140	119	101	93	670	1,412
	<b>CHO5 Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>3,644</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	8	9	16	11	16	15	14	20	12	51	172
	Dun Laoghaire	11	16	23	26	37	30	39	41	44	65	332
	Wicklow	26	23	14	28	75	66	80	83	64	401	860
	<b>CHO6 Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>1,364</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	6	0	0	0	0	27	25	17	4	0	79
	Dublin South West	9	22	16	26	129	46	45	75	83	588	1,039
	Dublin West	51	73	50	35	19	142	69	61	32	47	579
	Kildare West Wicklow	15	12	14	10	37	61	42	99	57	522	869
	<b>CHO7 Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>2,566</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	89	87	66	71	192	95	57	77	91	320	1,145
	Longford Westmeath	79	38	14	0	0	164	107	61	22	3	488
	Louth	46	47	46	21	46	88	53	65	82	277	771
	Meath	30	26	10	0	0	200	161	81	38	1	547
	<b>CHO8 Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>2,951</b>

CHO 9	Dublin North	68	68	51	78	204	66	102	128	111	428	<b>1,304</b>
	Dublin Nth Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	Dublin North West	60	91	50	33	113	56	67	66	32	241	<b>809</b>
	<b>CHO9 Total</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>2,113</b>
<b>National Total</b>		<b>917</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>2,216</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>18,945</b>

Note: January data not returned for Sligo/Leitrim and Dublin North Central