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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
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PQ 3587/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting on a non-hospital-based health waiting list by the speciality and or procedure they are on the list for by LHO at the end of February 2020 or the latest date available.

-Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

In answering this question, the areas that this response will examine are:
Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Assessment of Need (Disabilities), Oral Health, Podiatry Services, Ophthalmology Services, Audiology Services, Occupational Therapy, Dietetic Services, Psychology Services and Speech & Language Therapy.

CAMHS

The CAMHS teams meet every week to review all referrals. As of end of 2019, 78.4% of referrals nationally were offered an appointment within 12 weeks. There are two types of referral; an urgent referral and a routine referral. Every effort is made to prioritise urgent referrals so that young people with high risk presentations are seen as soon as possible and this can often be with 24- 48 hours. This may impact on wait times for cases that are considered, by a clinician, to be less severe. Severity of the symptoms reported affects waiting times where waiting times for those with high risk presentations are shorter.

Please see Table 1 below which shows this number broken down by CHO as of January 2020, which is the most recent available data at this time.

Table 1: Number of persons on CAMHS waiting list as of January 2020

CAMHS Waiting List			Reporting Period January 2020										
Total no. to be seen or waiting to be seen by CAMHS			≤ 3 mont hs	>3-≤ 6 mont hs	>6-≤ 9 mont hs	>9-≤12 mont hs	>12-≤15 mont hs	>15-≤18 mont hs	> 18 mont hs	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	Total waiti ng	SPL Y	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
Nation al Total	2,289	2,576	1,086	477	303	193	89	35	106	2,099	2,158	2,327	2,289
CHO 1	332	299	149	71	48	26	20	15	3	297	301	329	332
CHO 2	39	28	36	2	0	1	0	0	0	26	33	35	39
CHO 3	189	234	106	45	26	7	4	1	0	154	174	188	189
CHO 4	637	780	189	118	90	86	35	17	102	573	569	619	637
CHO 5	147	237	99	31	10	5	2	0	0	136	125	144	147
CHO 6	346	334	112	104	65	45	17	2	1	340	346	412	346
CHO 7	132	151	82	23	11	7	9	0	0	99	130	144	132
CHO 8	294	320	187	50	44	11	2	0	0	288	287	268	294
CHO 9	173	193	126	33	9	5	0	0	0	186	193	188	173

Assessment of Needs (Disabilities)

Applications for Assessment of Need under the Disability Act overdue for completion

It is acknowledged that the numbers of assessments overdue for completion remain high, although there has been some improvement in these figures in 2018 and 2019.

Table 2 below provides the number of applications for Assessment of Need under the Disability Act that were overdue for completion on the last day of Quarter 4, 2019 broken down by CHO Area. The information is based on data extracted from the Assessment Officers' System Database (AOS). 4,644 applications are overdue for completion with 243 of these on the grounds of there being exceptional circumstances as provided for in paragraph 10 of the regulations.

Table 2: Applications overdue for Completion and applicants consent

CHO	LHO	Total Overdue ¹	Overdue/ Exceptional Circumstances ²	Overdue/ No Exceptional Circumstances
CHO 1		79	3	76
	Cavan/Monaghan	58	0	58
	Donegal	18	0	18
	Sligo/Leitrim	3	3	0
CHO 2		72	3	69
	Galway	50	3	47
	Mayo	22	0	22
	Roscommon	0	0	0

CHO 3		524	16	508
	Clare	75	4	71
	Limerick	265	11	254
	Tipperary N.R	184	1	183
CHO 4		889	11	878
	Kerry	42	0	42
	Cork North	123	0	123
	Cork North Lee	351	2	349
	Cork South Lee	341	8	333
	Cork West	32	1	31
CHO 5		469	51	418
	Carlow/Kilkenny	74	0	74
	Tipperary S.R	65	0	65
	Waterford	123	7	116
	Wexford	207	44	163
CHO 6		191	2	189
	Dublin South East	11	1	10
	Dublin South	31	0	31
	Wicklow	149	1	148
CHO 7		680	3	677
	Dublin South City	23	0	23
	Dublin South West	282	0	282
	Dublin West	73	1	72
	Kildare/West Wicklow	302	2	300
CHO 8		652	61	591
	Laois/Offaly	388	53	335
	Longford/Westmeath	15	0	15
	Louth	95	0	95
	Meath	154	8	146
CHO 9		1088	93	995
	North Dublin	540	6	534
	Dublin North Centre	125	19	106
	North West Dublin	423	68	355
Total		4644	243	4401

¹All assessment reports that were not completed within 6 months of application or within 3 months of Start Stage 2 and before the end of the quarter are included in this report.

²The number of Assessment Reports for which an extended time-frame was negotiated with the parent on the grounds of there being exceptional circumstances as provided for in paragraph 10 of the regulations. Consent to extension is only valid if agreed extension date has not already passed.

Important contextual information regarding Assessment of Need under Disability Act

Since the commencement of Part 2 of the Disability Act in June 2007, (The Act), the HSE has endeavored to meet its legislative requirements as set out in the Act. However, as a consequence of a High Court ruling of December 2009, the effect of which was to open eligibility to all children born after 1st June 2002, the number of children aged five and over, and in addition of school-going age, has risen steadily as a percentage of all applications received. At the end of 2011, the figure stood at 26%, while at end of 2018, this figure was 52%. This is a reflection that the AON process is an accumulative process in terms of numbers of children seeking access. It should be noted that the clinical teams who complete the assessments are also the teams who deliver intervention.

CHO Improvement Plans

Each CO is required to have in place plans to ensure compliance with AON. The National Disability Operations Team both supports and monitors the effectiveness of these plans on a routine basis. Having regard to the evidence as set out above, there is reason to believe that these plans are showing some positive effect in terms of dealing with non-compliance. However, it is critically important to note that there are “structural” and “resource” challenges that impact on CHOs’ capacity to deal effectively with AON compliance. Therefore, additional to the aforementioned, important attention is paid to the following actions being implemented as part of an overall plan to improve the effectiveness and delivery of family centred interventions with children and young people with a disability.

New Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Assessment of Need (AoN)

The Disability Act requires the HSE to provide a consistent approach to Assessments of Need across the country. The HSE acknowledges that this is not currently the case and that approaches to assessment and waiting times vary hugely.

To help address this situation, the HSE developed a Standard Operating Procedure for the Assessment of Need process to ensure that;

- children with disabilities and their families access appropriate assessment and intervention as quickly as possible
- the approach to Assessment of Need is consistent across all areas.

It is intended that an Assessment of Need will include a Preliminary Team Assessment that will identify initial interventions and any further assessments that may be required. This preliminary assessment will usually be undertaken by a children’s disability service that are also tasked with delivering intervention. While not required by the Act, diagnostic assessments will continue to be provided, as appropriate, and these will be captured in the child’s Service Statement as part of the Assessment of Need process.

These changes are intended to alleviate the current situation where children in some parts of the country may wait a number of years before they can access an assessment. During this waiting period, they often have little or no access to intervention or support. It is intended that the changes in the SOP, particularly the new preliminary assessment, will facilitate children with disabilities to access assessment in a timelier fashion.

Implementation of this Standard Operating Procedure was previously deferred to allow further consultation with stakeholders and to facilitate an industrial relations process with staff representative organisations. A lengthy industrial relations process concluded in early January. The outcome of this process has facilitated the HSE to implement this Standard Operating Procedure for all new Assessment of Need applications from 15th January 2020. The HSE believes that the implementation of this SOP, along with the appointment of 100 additional therapy posts and the planned reorganisation to Children’s Disability Network Teams, will have a positive impact on the lives of the children and young people who require our services.

Overall Reform of Children’s Disability Services - Progressing Disability Services Programme

The HSE acknowledges the challenges in meeting the demand for children’s disability services and is acutely conscious of how this impacts on children and their families.

A number of service improvements are being introduced that, when implemented, will help improve access to services for children with disabilities and developmental delays. The overall programme of improvement is the ongoing roll out of Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People (PDS). This requires the

reorganisation of all current HSE and HSE funded children's disability services into geographically-based Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs).

PDS is doing this by forming partnerships between all the disability organisations in an area and pooling their staff with expertise in the different types of disabilities to form the CDNTs. These teams will provide for all children with significant disability, regardless of their disability, where they live or where they go to school.

The HSE is establishing a total of 96 Children's Disability Networks across each of the nine CHOs comprised of Specialist Multi-Disciplinary Teams to work with children with complex disability needs. Each Network will have a Children's Disability Network Manager with specialist expertise in providing children's disability clinical services. The appointment of these managers will facilitate the establishment of the Children's Disability Network Teams in 2020.

Additional Therapy Resources for Children's Disability Services

An additional 100 new therapy posts were provided in 2019. 97 of these posts have already been appointed and the remaining posts will be in place in Q1 2020. These therapy posts range from Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Social Workers, Psychologists, Dieticians and Allied Health Professional Assistants. These welcome new additional posts will impact on both assessment of need as well as support interventions for children with complex disability concerns.

The above should be considered in light of previous investment secured by the HSE for therapeutic services which has been invested in the Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People (0-18s) Programme (PDS). Since 2014, the roll out of the PDS has entailed targeted investment of €14m and the provision of 275 additional therapy staff, to increase services for children with all disabilities.

Oral Health

The latest KPI Data for the Dental and Orthodontic Service as at Q4 December 2019 is detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 which have been attached separately. It is important to note the following:

- i. Eligibility for dental services is a statutory entitlement under the Health Acts. Almost one million children aged up to and including 15 years are eligible for HSE Dental services. All of the HSE Dental Services are provided free of charge.
- ii. Routine dental services are targeted at certain age groups, and use school class as part of the targeting of services, therefore the academic year can be a factor in reporting progress of targeted programmes. In many instances, information is not held in a format that facilitates the response to the question.
- iii. The HSE Routine Dental Services are provided on the basis of need, with a strong emphasis on prevention. This is delivered through targeted screening and prevention for school children at certain dental developmental milestones and for special needs groups. This approach involves identifying children with the greatest needs, and the highest risks of dental disease.
- iv. Emergency care for the relief of pain (e.g. toothache) and infection is available on a same day/following day basis for all for all children aged up to 15 years, and patients with Special Needs. Approximately 70,000 children attend for emergency treatment each year, with a 4.5% increase seen this year.
- v. Children in the targeted age groups are typically in 1st/2nd Class and 6th Class, with some 4th Class children being seen in some parts of the country as resources permits. Children in secondary school in general receive only an emergency service.
- vi. Orthodontic treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. A Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used to determine if a child can be accepted for treatment.

- vii. Access to HSE Orthodontics is through a referral process that starts in the HSE Dental Service, usually when the child is in 6th Class. If a child is identified as having a treatment need that may qualify through the Modified IOTN system, then s/he will be referred for an Orthodontic Assessment with the HSE's Regional Orthodontic Department. If the treatment need meets the criteria under the Modified IOTN, the child will then be placed on a waiting list for treatment. There are a number of categories within the system, and these are used to prioritise care. These waiting lists (orthodontic assessment list, orthodontic treatment list) are managed by the HSE's Regional Orthodontic service.
- viii. The waiting periods for dental treatment and orthodontic treatment are therefore different and the information for question is presented into the tables accordingly.

Dental Services

Details of numbers of patients attending for scheduled assessment, those attending for unscheduled assessment, those who commenced treatment with three months of scheduled oral health assessment and those who had their first visit for active care more than 3 months after scheduled oral health assessment are given in the Appendices Section in Tables 1 - 4.

At the end of Q4 2019, activity for target groups attending for scheduled assessments was -6.7% behind target for these groups. This is at a time when recruitment and retention of dentists has been problematic, and restricts the capacity of the service.

Orthodontic Services

Details of numbers of patients on assessment waiting lists, those in active treatment, and those on treatment waiting lists are given below.

Assessments

At the end of 2019, 10,202 children were awaiting assessment by the regional orthodontic departments, 1,859 for 0-6 months, 8,343 between 7-12 months. Full details for each regional department are given in the Appendix.

Numbers in treatment

At the end of 2019, there were 16,994 patients in active treatment for malocclusions in categories 4 and 5. Full details for each regional department are given in the Appendix.

Numbers waiting for treatment

At the end of 2019, there were 19,216 patients waiting for orthodontic treatment, (10,882 in Category 4, (8,334 in Category 5). Full details for each regional department are given in the Appendix.

Podiatry

Appendix 6: Podiatry - 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	
CHO1	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
	CHO1 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
CHO2	Galway	2	3	0	0	0	21	7	10	0	0	43
	Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO2 Total	2	3	0	0	0	21	7	10	0	0	43
CHO3	Clare	5	9	5	1	0	23	15	14	7	0	79
	Limerick	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	North Tipperary East Limerick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO3 Total	5	9	6	1	0	23	15	14	7	0	80
CHO4	Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO4 Total	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
CHO5	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO5 Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CHO6	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
CHO7	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO7 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	CHO8 Total	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CHO9	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin Nth Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO9 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National Total		7	12	8	1	0	47	23	25	8	0	131
Note: January data not returned for Longford/Westmeath and Dublin North												

Ophthalmology

Appendix 8: 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	
CHO1	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
CHO2	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
CHO3	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
CHO4	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
CHO5	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
CHO6	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
CHO7	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
CHO8	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
CHO9	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												

Audiology

Appendix 7: 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	Laos 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 Laos/Offaly												

Occupational Therapy

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	
CHO1	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
	CHO1 Total	47	64	46	16	27	100	102	95	88	560	1,145
CHO2	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
	CHO2 Total	69	35	42	45	105	189	206	163	143	940	1,937
CHO3	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
	CHO3 Total	12	6	1	0	0	109	57	44	16	4	249
CHO4	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
	CHO4 Total	124	113	63	58	55	397	322	343	334	1,167	2,976
CHO5	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
	CHO5 Total	167	176	165	137	371	365	313	308	297	1,345	3,644
CHO6	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
	CHO6 Total	45	48	53	65	128	111	133	144	120	517	1,364
CHO7	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
	CHO7 Total	81	107	80	71	185	276	181	252	176	1,157	2,566
CHO8	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
	CHO8 Total	244	198	136	92	238	547	378	284	233	601	2,951
CHO9	Dublin North	68	68	51	78	204	66	102	128	111	428	1,304
	Dublin Nth Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North West	60	91	50	33	113	56	67	66	32	241	809
	CHO9 Total	128	159	101	111	317	122	169	194	143	669	2,113
National Total		917	906	687	595	1,426	2,216	1,861	1,827	1,550	6,960	18,945
Note: January data not returned for Sligo/Leitrim and Dublin North Central												

Dietetics

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

Psychology

Appendix 5: Psychology - 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	29	10	0	0	2	77	45	7	5	6	181
	Donegal	0	0	2	0	0	39	73	44	40	104	302
	Sligo Leitrim	4	3	2	0	0	1	23	33	1	0	67
	CHO1 Total	33	13	4	0	2	117	141	84	46	110	550
CHO 2	Galway	19	14	12	8	12	88	155	129	117	783	1,337
	Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Roscommon	9	3	0	2	3	10	7	14	13	43	104
	CHO2 Total	28	17	12	10	15	98	162	143	130	826	1,441
CHO 3	Clare	6	7	3	1	0	19	46	43	17	63	205
	Limerick	14	15	2	3	2	40	32	31	32	72	243
	North Tipperary East Limerick	1	2	3	1	1	16	8	19	41	26	118
	CHO3 Total	21	24	8	5	3	75	86	93	90	161	566
CHO 4	Kerry	1	8	3	5	4	29	32	36	22	67	207
	North Cork	4	5	2	1	0	35	18	15	8	2	90
	North Lee	15	5	5	3	7	62	38	41	37	121	334
	South Lee	12	15	5	2	3	44	54	52	27	227	441
	West Cork	2	4	0	0	1	23	11	21	26	28	116
	CHO4 Total	34	37	15	11	15	193	153	165	120	445	1,188
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	38	7	2	0	0	47
	South Tipperary	5	9	3	1	7	30	29	18	21	42	165
	Waterford	10	10	12	3	2	29	72	59	58	33	288
	Wexford	11	4	1	7	5	57	64	55	30	122	356
	CHO5 Total	26	23	16	11	14	154	172	134	109	197	856
CHO 6	Dublin South East	35	11	3	0	0	28	13	2	0	0	92
	Dun Laoghaire	6	3	9	0	0	24	43	18	7	0	110
	Wicklow	11	11	3	0	0	61	52	18	12	0	168
	CHO6 Total	52	25	15	0	0	113	108	38	19	0	370
CHO 7	Dublin South City	2	7	6	9	17	7	9	31	39	122	249
	Dublin South West	28	17	29	20	70	37	24	23	26	138	412
	Dublin West	13	6	6	4	15	24	62	47	57	168	402
	Kildare West Wicklow	5	0	3	2	1	37	9	22	14	33	126
	CHO7 Total	48	30	44	35	103	105	104	123	136	461	1,189
CHO 8	Laos Offaly	3	5	4	3	1	32	31	23	1	2	105
	Longford Westmeath	1	1	0	0	0	20	19	9	5	0	55
	Louth	24	14	4	4	0	74	23	16	8	0	167
	Meath	13	6	3	1	0	126	101	41	15	0	306
	CHO8 Total	41	26	11	8	1	252	174	89	29	2	633
CHO 9	Dublin North	7	9	17	9	59	72	96	80	58	260	667
	Dublin Nth Central	6	13	17	24	6	15	17	42	69	26	235
	Dublin North West	26	19	13	13	26	92	98	79	96	453	915
	CHO9 Total	39	41	47	46	91	179	211	201	223	739	1,817
National Total		322	236	172	126	244	1,286	1,311	1,070	902	2,941	8,610
Note: January data not returned for Mayo												

Speech & Language Therapy

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years old patients waiting for Initial Therapy - January 2020							
LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	49	0	0	0	0	0	49
Sligo Leitrim	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
CHO1	52	0	0	0	0	0	52
Galway	139	86	50	64	70	135	544
Mayo	88	6	0	0	0	0	94
Roscommon	46	16	0	0	0	0	62
CHO2	273	108	50	64	70	135	700
Clare	50	56	16	7	0	0	129
Limerick	90	62	22	12	26	8	220
North Tipperary East Limerick	45	7	4	0	0	0	56
CHO3	185	125	42	19	26	8	405
Kerry	80	18	3	0	0	0	101
North Cork	101	64	38	12	0	0	215
North Lee	168	179	145	52	19	11	574
South Lee	208	147	64	5	0	4	428
West Cork	54	29	11	1	0	0	95
CHO4	611	437	261	70	19	15	1,413
Carlow Kilkenny	88	106	124	141	126	0	585
South Tipperary	101	90	57	8	0	0	256
Waterford	67	106	153	163	110	0	599
Wexford	97	117	95	83	27	2	421
CHO5	353	419	429	395	263	2	1,861
Dublin South East	18	1	0	0	0	0	19
Dun Laoghaire	29	12	0	0	0	0	41
Wicklow	16	6	6	28	0	0	56
CHO6	63	19	6	28	0	0	116
Dublin South City	117	96	63	84	63	17	440
Dublin South West	120	113	78	50	23	0	384
Dublin West	156	168	136	122	52	40	674
Kildare West Wicklow	75	0	0	0	0	0	75
CHO7	468	377	277	256	138	57	1,573
Laois Offaly	112	133	89	13	0	0	347
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	112	133	89	13	0	0	347
Dublin North	270	396	160	8	0	0	834
Dublin North Central	71	40	38	12	0	0	161
Dublin North West	128	126	54	9	2	1	320
CHO9	469	562	252	29	2	1	1,315
Total	2,586	2,180	1,406	874	518	218	7,782

**Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years old patients waiting for Further Therapy -
January 2020**

LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	444	100	0	0	0	0	544
Sligo Leitrim	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
CHO1	451	101	0	0	0	0	552
Galway	600	267	23	17	3	4	914
Mayo	132	14	0	0	0	0	146
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2	732	281	23	17	3	4	1,060
Clare	225	171	55	13	0	0	464
Limerick	417	176	91	67	25	9	785
North Tipperary East Limerick	171	79	33	0	0	0	283
CHO3	813	426	179	80	25	9	1,532
Kerry	273	125	7	0	0	0	405
North Cork	178	77	43	15	0	0	313
North Lee	208	239	194	73	23	39	776
South Lee	188	110	103	51	11	21	484
West Cork	143	143	39	6	0	0	331
CHO4	990	694	386	145	34	60	2,309
Carlow Kilkenny	82	73	66	12	0	0	233
South Tipperary	0	180	268	0	0	0	448
Waterford	10	23	29	21	13	0	96
Wexford	137	85	74	41	22	4	363
CHO5	229	361	437	74	35	4	1,140
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Dublin South City	139	115	64	70	75	33	496
Dublin South West	238	228	132	118	37	1	754
Dublin West	239	248	281	111	74	56	1,009
Kildare West Wicklow	101	5	0	0	0	0	106
CHO7	717	596	477	299	186	90	2,365
Laois Offaly	93	44	15	24	4	0	180
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8	93	44	15	24	4	0	180
Dublin North	669	625	206	4	0	0	1,504
Dublin North Central	140	41	79	30	0	0	290
Dublin North West	248	166	103	26	1	0	544
CHO9	1,057	832	388	60	1	0	2,338
Total	5,112	3,335	1,905	699	288	167	11,506

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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