



11th March 2020

Deputy James Browne,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

3613/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list as at February 2020 by LHO; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and 18 and above by category

3614/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list as at February 2020 by LHO; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and 18 and above by category

3615/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list by LHO at the end of February 2020; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the numbers waiting aged 0 to 17 years and 18 and above by category

-James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

Speech & Language Therapy is one of a range of multidisciplinary health services provided through Primary Care in Community Healthcare Organisations. Speech & Language Therapists are healthcare professionals who assess, diagnose, and treat people with communication difficulties. Speech & Language Therapy services include helping people who experience difficulties with speech, language, fluency, voice and swallowing.

Please find attached Appendices which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Speech and Language Therapy in community services as of January 2020 broken down by both the total number of patients, and the number of 0-17 year old patients only. Please note that February waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of March.

- Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment
- Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of 0-17 years old patients awaiting Initial Assessment
- Appendix 3 – Speech and Language Therapy Number Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy

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- Appendix 5 – Speech and Language Therapy Total Number of patients awaiting further therapy
- Appendix 6 – Speech and Language Therapy Number of 0-17 year old patients awaiting further therapy

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 working to ensure timely access to children and adults requiring speech and language therapy services, and to reduce long waiting times for this important service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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APPENDIX 1

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - 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	377	149	69	40	0	0	635
Donegal	403	118	7	0	0	73	601
Sligo Leitrim	208	13	0	0	0	0	221
CHO1	988	280	76	40	0	73	1,457
Galway	540	88	60	17	9	9	723
Mayo	165	26	2	0	0	0	193
Roscommon	176	9	2	3	1	0	191
CHO2	881	123	64	20	10	9	1,107
Clare	230	55	13	3	5	0	306
Limerick	422	113	12	24	52	8	631
North Tipperary East Limerick	202	67	10	0	0	0	279
CHO3	854	235	35	27	57	8	1,216
Kerry	200	1	0	0	0	0	201
North Cork	225	17	0	0	0	0	242
North Lee	391	16	0	0	0	0	407
South Lee	395	18	38	50	53	64	618
West Cork	113	0	0	0	0	0	113
CHO4	1,324	52	38	50	53	64	1,581
Carlow Kilkenny	337	46	15	9	0	0	407
South Tipperary	275	47	0	0	0	0	322
Waterford	280	33	0	0	0	0	313
Wexford	312	225	172	9	0	0	718
CHO5	1,204	351	187	18	0	0	1,760
Dublin South East	164	60	13	26	26	0	289
Dun Laoghaire	51	41	18	15	10	8	143
Wicklow	277	67	13	27	0	0	384
CHO6	492	168	44	68	36	8	816
Dublin South City	255	109	29	33	19	0	445
Dublin South West	127	261	39	50	104	259	840
Dublin West	246	228	160	99	6	6	745
Kildare West Wicklow	455	156	0	0	0	0	611
CHO7	1,083	754	228	182	129	265	2,641
Laois Offaly	441	50	33	12	11	0	547
Longford Westmeath	415	151	79	39	1	0	685
Louth	269	0	0	0	0	0	269
Meath	615	180	87	56	27	0	965
CHO8	1,740	381	199	107	39	0	2,466
Dublin North	569	401	179	50	32	0	1,231
Dublin North Central	184	205	208	25	0	0	622
Dublin North West	563	438	271	65	23	3	1,363
CHO9	1,316	1,044	658	140	55	3	3,216
Total	9,882	3,388	1,529	652	379	430	16,260

APPENDIX 2

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years old patients waiting for Initial Assessment - 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	223	101	54	25	0	0	403
Donegal	390	115	0	0	0	0	505
Sligo Leitrim	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
CHO1	636	216	54	25	0	0	931
Galway	399	78	56	10	4	4	551
Mayo	161	25	1	0	0	0	187
Roscommon	147	0	0	0	0	0	147
CHO2	707	103	57	10	4	4	885
Clare	207	55	13	3	5	0	283
Limerick	385	113	12	24	52	8	594
North Tipperary East Limerick	194	65	10	0	0	0	269
CHO3	786	233	35	27	57	8	1,146
Kerry	159	1	0	0	0	0	160
North Cork	211	17	0	0	0	0	228
North Lee	367	16	0	0	0	0	383
South Lee	360	18	38	50	53	64	583
West Cork	70	0	0	0	0	0	70
CHO4	1,167	52	38	50	53	64	1,424
Carlow Kilkenny	229	0	0	0	0	0	229
South Tipperary	221	42	0	0	0	0	263
Waterford	216	28	2	0	0	0	246
Wexford	294	225	172	9	0	0	700
CHO5	960	295	174	9	0	0	1,438
Dublin South East	114	60	13	26	26	0	239
Dun Laoghaire	41	41	18	15	10	8	133
Wicklow	6	12	14	0	0	0	32
CHO6	161	113	45	41	36	8	404
Dublin South City	205	21	24	33	19	0	302
Dublin South West	24	178	39	50	104	259	654
Dublin West	190	209	153	80	5	1	638
Kildare West Wicklow	434	156	0	0	0	0	590
CHO7	853	564	216	163	128	260	2,184
Laos Offaly	327	7	0	0	0	0	334
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	206	0	0	0	0	0	206
Meath	201	100	25	5	2	0	333
CHO8	734	107	25	5	2	0	873
Dublin North	512	401	179	50	32	0	1,174
Dublin North Central	136	181	205	19	0	0	541
Dublin North West	386	324	203	65	23	3	1,004
CHO9	1,034	906	587	134	55	3	2,719
Total	7,038	2,589	1,231	464	335	347	12,004

APPENDIX 3

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting 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	18	1	0	0	0	0	19
Donegal	53	0	0	0	0	0	53
Sligo Leitrim	131	21	17	2	0	0	171
CHO1	202	22	17	2	0	0	243
Galway	192	96	50	64	70	135	607
Mayo	88	6	0	0	0	0	94
Roscommon	46	16	0	0	0	0	62
CHO2	326	118	50	64	70	135	763
Clare	50	56	16	7	0	0	129
Limerick	120	71	23	12	26	8	260
North Tipperary East Limerick	49	7	5	0	0	0	61
CHO3	219	134	44	19	26	8	450
Kerry	87	18	3	0	0	0	108
North Cork	103	64	38	12	0	0	217
North Lee	169	180	145	52	19	11	576
South Lee	208	147	64	5	0	4	428
West Cork	54	29	11	1	0	0	95
CHO4	621	438	261	70	19	15	1,424
Carlow Kilkenny	88	106	124	141	126	0	585
South Tipperary	104	91	57	8	0	0	260
Waterford	67	106	153	163	110	0	599
Wexford	98	117	95	83	27	2	422
CHO5	357	420	429	395	263	2	1,866
Dublin South East	23	1	0	0	0	0	24
Dun Laoghaire	29	12	0	0	0	0	41
Wicklow	121	65	30	44	0	0	260
CHO6	173	78	30	44	0	0	325
Dublin South City	117	96	63	84	63	17	440
Dublin South West	131	121	88	50	23	0	413
Dublin West	156	168	136	122	52	40	674
Kildare West Wicklow	75	0	0	0	0	0	75
CHO7	479	385	287	256	138	57	1,602
Laois Offaly	112	133	89	13	0	0	347
Longford Westmeath	122	34	17	3	0	0	176
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	47	0	0	0	0	0	47
CHO8	281	167	106	16	0	0	570
Dublin North	271	396	160	8	0	0	835
Dublin North Central	87	51	38	12	0	0	188
Dublin North West	247	233	129	9	2	1	621
CHO9	605	680	327	29	2	1	1,644
Total	3,263	2,442	1,551	895	518	218	8,887

APPENDIX 4

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
Laos 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

APPENDIX 5

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting 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	45	3	0	0	0	0	48
Donegal	460	182	0	0	0	0	642
Sligo Leitrim	215	48	12	3	4	3	285
CHO1	720	233	12	3	4	3	975
Galway	649	281	26	19	8	124	1,107
Mayo	132	14	6	0	0	0	152
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	1	9	10
CHO2	781	295	32	19	9	133	1,269
Clare	277	171	55	13	0	0	516
Limerick	415	216	91	67	25	9	823
North Tipperary East Limerick	191	139	33	0	0	0	363
CHO3	883	526	179	80	25	9	1,702
Kerry	295	126	7	0	0	0	428
North Cork	188	82	45	15	0	0	330
North Lee	230	249	213	88	27	40	847
South Lee	306	127	109	51	11	21	625
West Cork	146	143	39	6	0	0	334
CHO4	1,165	727	413	160	38	61	2,564
Carlow Kilkenny	82	141	66	12	0	0	301
South Tipperary	0	185	276	0	0	0	461
Waterford	10	23	29	21	13	0	96
Wexford	138	85	74	41	22	4	364
CHO5	230	434	445	74	35	4	1,222
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	53	24	20	27	20	17	161
Wicklow	143	72	28	41	36	0	320
CHO6	196	96	48	68	56	17	481
Dublin South City	139	115	64	70	75	33	496
Dublin South West	244	247	153	118	37	1	800
Dublin West	304	277	286	128	87	112	1,194
Kildare West Wicklow	101	5	0	0	0	0	106
CHO7	788	644	503	316	199	146	2,596
Laois Offaly	93	44	15	24	4	0	180
Longford Westmeath	328	149	81	5	2	0	565
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
CHO8	437	193	96	29	6	0	761
Dublin North	740	625	206	4	0	0	1,575
Dublin North Central	238	64	82	33	0	0	417
Dublin North West	364	278	179	26	1	0	848
CHO9	1,342	967	467	63	1	0	2,840
Total	6,542	4,115	2,195	812	373	373	14,410

APPENDIX 6

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
Laos 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