



13th March 2020

Deputy James Browne,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 3616/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment 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 number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus by category

PQ 3617/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO1 as at 29 February 2020; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus by category

PQ 3618/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list as at 29 February 2020 in CHO2; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus by category

PQ 3619/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO3 as at 29 February 2020; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus by category

PQ 3651/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO6 at the end of February 2020 or latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by period and age (details supplied)

PQ 3652/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO7 at the end of February 2020 or latest date available on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list by period and age (details supplied)

PQ 3624/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy treatment waiting list in CHO8 as at 29 February 2020; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 plus by category

Details Supplied: and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; and the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and aged 65 plus

-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.

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 for Occupational Therapy in community services as of January 2020. Please note that February waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of March. Please note that the only metric available in relation to Occupational Therapy waiting lists is for assessment.

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 audiology services, and to reduce long waiting times for this important service.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality occupational therapy services to all eligible service users. In 2019 there were 382,219 attendances at HSE community occupational therapy clinics.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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