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Deputy James Browne,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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**PQ 3628/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care at the end of February 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks**

**-James Browne**

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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.

Please see attached Appendix 1 which shows the number of persons awaiting Psychology treatment at January 2020 in tabular form by LHO Area and by time waiting. 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 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.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality Psychology services to all eligible service users. In 2019 there were 44,939 attendances at HSE community Psychology clinics.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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