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

PQ 3633/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks

-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.

A Dietician is a qualified healthcare professional who assesses diet and nutritional status and provides evidence-based advice on all aspects of nutrition and diet in order to promote health, prevent disease and help manage existing conditions. A Dietician provides advice to help manage various health conditions in children and adults.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Dietetics in community services as of January 2020.

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

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality dietetics services to all eligible service users. In 2019 there were 70,428 attendances at HSE community dietetics clinics.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,



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