



13th November 2020

Deputy Michael Moynihan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 34249/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting by category aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age, respectively as of 31 October 2020 or the latest date available by LHO area in tabular form

PQ 34250/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting by category aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age, respectively as of 31 October 2020 or the latest date available by LHO area in tabular form

PQ 34251/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting by category aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age, respectively as of 31 October 2020 or the latest date available by LHO area in tabular form

-Michael Moynihan

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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.

The spread of COVID-19 is posing significant challenges for many service areas, including all Therapy Services. In light of these unprecedented challenges together with the Government's guidance on social distancing and on 'Cocooning' for those aged over 70, the HSE has had to reassess its operation of Community Therapy Services nationally, to ensure that the assessed needs of those clients with the highest priority are met.

As a result of the national effort across all Community Healthcare Organisations throughout the country, some aspects of normal monthly reporting have been delayed. Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of September 2020 which is the latest data available at this time. Please see below appendices which contain the following in tabular form;

Appendix 1 - Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment – September 2020

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - September 2020

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Appendix 6 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - September 2020

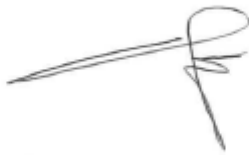
Please note the list of LHO areas at the bottom of the Appendix which did not return data, as some areas were not in a position to return data due to staff being redeployed to Covid-19 related duties. Please also note that because of this the overall accuracy of the waiting list data is impacted.

The HSE is working to ensure timely access to children and adults requiring therapy services, and to reduce long waiting times for these important services.

As this is an evolving and unprecedented situation, the HSE will keep matters in review and will advise clients and/or family members accordingly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Siobhán McArdle,
Head of Operations Primary Care,
Community Operations

APPENDIX 1

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - September 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	323	210	456	139	73	0	1,201
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	201	119	58	3	0	0	381
CHO1	524	329	514	142	73	0	1,582
Galway	529	456	171	81	3	12	1,252
Mayo	236	26	22	15	0	0	299
Roscommon	98	8	2	1	0	0	109
CHO2	863	490	195	97	3	12	1,660
Clare	181	107	29	46	8	2	373
Limerick	259	180	172	29	23	25	688
North Tipperary East Limerick	180	164	106	49	29	0	528
CHO3	620	451	307	124	60	27	1,589
Kerry	179	5	0	0	0	0	184
North Cork	173	11	0	0	0	0	184
North Lee	196	129	23	0	0	0	348
South Lee	249	36	1	7	3	13	309
West Cork	96	6	0	0	0	0	102
CHO4	893	187	24	7	3	13	1,127
Carlow Kilkenny	243	222	113	20	1	0	599
South Tipperary	142	49	23	1	0	0	215
Waterford	119	107	193	1	0	0	420
Wexford	171	172	391	149	0	0	883
CHO5	675	550	720	171	1	0	2,117
Dublin South East	142	59	10	9	8	8	236
Dun Laoghaire	98	43	24	43	29	10	247
Wicklow	395	128	91	85	65	0	764
CHO6	635	230	125	137	102	18	1,247
Dublin South City	135	148	142	50	14	17	506
Dublin South West	249	167	203	60	78	373	1,130
Dublin West	105	143	256	248	133	16	901
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	489	458	601	358	225	406	2,537
Laois Offaly	489	334	298	34	12	12	1,179
Longford Westmeath	345	308	199	148	53	0	1,053
Louth	214	72	6	0	0	0	292
Meath	564	316	321	175	95	0	1,471
CHO8	1,612	1,030	824	357	160	12	3,995
Dublin North	237	402	514	316	87	0	1,556
Dublin North Central	161	150	227	273	42	0	853
Dublin North West	359	390	427	259	127	39	1,601
CHO9	757	942	1,168	848	256	39	4,010
Total	7,068	4,667	4,478	2,241	883	527	19,864

Note : September data not returned for Donegal and Kildare/West Wicklow.

APPENDIX 2

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - September 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	177	143	400	93	31	0	844
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	177	143	400	93	31	0	844
Galway	344	381	126	80	3	10	944
Mayo	219	20	20	15	0	0	274
Roscommon	72	2	0	0	0	0	74
CHO2	635	403	146	95	3	10	1,292
Clare	155	107	29	46	8	2	347
Limerick	218	161	145	20	23	25	592
North Tipperary East Limerick	171	162	106	49	29	0	517
CHO3	544	430	280	115	60	27	1,456
Kerry	138	5	0	0	0	0	143
North Cork	145	11	0	0	0	0	156
North Lee	166	108	20	0	0	0	294
South Lee	215	23	0	7	3	13	261
West Cork	70	6	0	0	0	0	76
CHO4	734	153	20	7	3	13	930
Carlow Kilkenny	137	137	74	0	0	0	348
South Tipperary	98	41	13	1	0	0	153
Waterford	77	89	193	1	0	0	360
Wexford	156	158	378	137	0	0	829
CHO5	468	425	658	139	0	0	1,690
Dublin South East	75	59	10	9	9	8	170
Dun Laoghaire	63	15	22	0	0	0	100
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	138	74	32	9	9	8	270
Dublin South City	94	119	107	41	14	17	392
Dublin South West	187	117	152	44	78	373	951
Dublin West	76	141	255	241	133	11	857
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	357	377	514	326	225	401	2,200
Laos Offaly	394	279	213	0	0	0	886
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	192	72	0	0	0	0	264
Meath	85	56	76	23	0	0	240
CHO8	671	407	289	23	0	0	1,390
Dublin North	192	392	505	316	87	0	1,492
Dublin North Central	85	108	174	214	24	0	605
Dublin North West	135	219	325	259	127	39	1,104
CHO9	412	719	1,004	789	238	39	3,201
Total	4,136	3,131	3,343	1,596	569	498	13,273

Note : September data not returned for Donegal and Kildare/West Wicklow.

APPENDIX 3

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - September 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	9	26	0	0	0	0	35
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	36	51	19	8	0	0	114
CHO1	45	77	19	8	0	0	149
Galway	82	169	104	112	44	227	738
Mayo	72	49	39	0	0	0	160
Roscommon	86	114	40	0	0	0	240
CHO2	240	332	183	112	44	227	1,138
Clare	37	34	65	45	16	1	198
Limerick	95	54	87	45	20	25	326
North Tipperary East Limerick	20	13	7	2	0	0	42
CHO3	152	101	159	92	36	26	566
Kerry	114	93	20	0	0	0	227
North Cork	93	76	94	60	0	0	323
North Lee	159	128	274	161	51	38	811
South Lee	119	160	145	137	37	37	635
West Cork	35	32	26	12	2	0	107
CHO4	520	489	559	370	90	75	2,103
Carlow Kilkenny	27	34	85	168	147	163	624
South Tipperary	69	45	68	44	0	0	226
Waterford	39	34	62	133	172	103	543
Wexford	83	39	122	156	72	37	509
CHO5	218	152	337	501	391	303	1,902
Dublin South East	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
Dun Laoghaire	63	15	22	0	0	0	100
Wicklow	232	142	58	84	28	0	544
CHO6	328	157	80	84	28	0	677
Dublin South City	64	56	126	119	51	120	536
Dublin South West	41	59	88	120	52	20	380
Dublin West	51	109	179	233	115	132	819
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	156	224	393	472	218	272	1,735
Laois Offaly	29	36	88	170	13	0	336
Longford Westmeath	142	67	95	31	8	0	343
Louth	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Meath	40	0	0	0	0	0	40
CHO8	234	103	183	201	21	0	742
Dublin North	85	99	249	298	84	0	815
Dublin North Central	105	56	66	75	1	0	303
Dublin North West	192	219	191	157	54	3	816
CHO9	382	374	506	530	139	3	1,934
Total	2,275	2,009	2,419	2,370	967	906	10,946

Note : September data not turned for Donegal and Kildare / West Wicklow

APPENDIX 4

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - September 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	1	20	0	0	0	0	21
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	1	20	0	0	0	0	21
Galway	64	124	88	112	44	227	659
Mayo	58	49	39	0	0	0	146
Roscommon	76	103	40	0	0	0	219
CHO2	198	276	167	112	44	227	1,024
Clare	37	34	65	45	16	1	198
Limerick	79	34	62	34	11	25	245
North Tipperary East Limerick	20	8	6	2	0	0	36
CHO3	136	76	133	81	27	26	479
Kerry	96	90	20	0	0	0	206
North Cork	85	76	94	60	0	0	315
North Lee	148	120	271	161	51	38	789
South Lee	119	160	145	137	37	37	635
West Cork	35	32	26	12	2	0	107
CHO4	483	478	556	370	90	75	2,052
Carlow Kilkenny	27	34	85	168	147	163	624
South Tipperary	68	45	67	44	0	0	224
Waterford	15	34	62	133	172	103	519
Wexford	77	39	122	155	70	32	495
CHO5	187	152	336	500	389	298	1,862
Dublin South East	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Dun Laoghaire	63	15	22	0	0	0	100
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	80	15	22	0	0	0	117
Dublin South City	64	54	126	119	51	120	534
Dublin South West	39	55	85	116	45	20	360
Dublin West	5	64	100	230	112	131	642
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	108	173	311	465	208	271	1,536
Laos Offaly	29	36	88	170	13	0	336
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	29	36	88	170	13	0	336
Dublin North	78	94	249	298	84	0	803
Dublin North Central	82	41	64	75	1	0	263
Dublin North West	40	79	94	157	54	3	427
CHO9	200	214	407	530	139	3	1,493
Total	1,422	1,440	2,020	2,228	910	900	8,920

Note : September data not turned for Donegal and Kildare / West Wicklow

APPENDIX 5

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - September 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	311	514	32	0	0	0	857
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	61	150	242	35	0	6	494
CHO1	372	664	274	35	0	6	1,351
Galway	707	846	405	103	14	144	2,219
Mayo	87	167	9	0	0	0	263
Roscommon	586	179	0	0	0	0	765
CHO2	1,380	1,192	414	103	14	144	3,247
Clare	210	169	220	150	81	48	878
Limerick	438	196	254	87	58	6	1,039
North Tipperary East Limerick	241	194	112	24	1	0	572
CHO3	889	559	586	261	140	54	2,489
Kerry	514	446	128	7	0	0	1,095
North Cork	70	97	139	69	17	0	392
North Lee	192	195	284	222	105	56	1,054
South Lee	100	209	162	117	57	15	660
West Cork	80	98	92	61	0	0	331
CHO4	956	1,045	805	476	179	71	3,532
Carlow Kilkenny	134	181	83	126	20	3	547
South Tipperary	0	227	340	0	0	0	567
Waterford	4	8	15	39	23	18	107
Wexford	59	186	291	151	55	19	761
CHO5	197	602	729	316	98	40	1,982
Dublin South East	12	6	11	1	0	0	30
Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	252	211	58	84	78	0	683
CHO6	264	217	69	85	78	0	713
Dublin South City	130	109	157	158	32	121	707
Dublin South West	46	156	186	217	92	45	742
Dublin West	121	143	253	365	176	142	1,200
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	297	408	596	740	300	308	2,649
Laois Offaly	121	183	44	42	39	9	438
Longford Westmeath	221	467	259	136	34	0	1,117
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	37	0	0	0	0	0	37
CHO8	379	650	303	178	73	9	1,592
Dublin North	277	412	611	577	6	0	1,883
Dublin North Central	130	194	168	126	17	0	635
Dublin North West	196	240	254	220	88	2	1,000
CHO9	603	846	1,033	923	111	2	3,518
Total	5,337	6,183	4,809	3,117	993	634	21,073

Note : September data not turned for Donegal and Kildare / West Wicklow

APPENDIX 6

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - September 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	244	495	30	0	0	0	769
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	244	495	30	0	0	0	769
Galway	432	760	378	99	10	4	1,683
Mayo	86	167	9	0	0	0	262
Roscommon	428	115	0	0	0	0	543
CHO2	946	1,042	387	99	10	4	2,488
Clare	172	143	220	150	81	48	814
Limerick	394	195	254	87	58	6	994
North Tipperary East Limerick	241	194	112	24	1	0	572
CHO3	807	532	586	261	140	54	2,380
Kerry	478	433	128	7	0	0	1,046
North Cork	62	93	133	65	17	0	370
North Lee	181	181	273	210	91	52	988
South Lee	73	161	149	110	57	15	565
West Cork	80	98	92	61	0	0	331
CHO4	874	966	775	453	165	67	3,300
Carlow Kilkenny	85	165	83	94	20	3	450
South Tipperary	0	221	340	0	0	0	561
Waterford	4	8	15	39	23	18	107
Wexford	59	186	289	151	53	17	755
CHO5	148	580	727	284	96	38	1,873
Dublin South East	12	6	11	1	0	0	30
Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	12	6	11	1	0	0	30
Dublin South City	111	96	157	158	32	121	675
Dublin South West	35	136	180	208	88	44	691
Dublin West	20	114	248	348	163	86	979
Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7	166	346	585	714	283	251	2,345
Laos Offaly	121	183	44	42	39	9	438
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	121	183	44	42	39	9	438
Dublin North	205	316	603	577	6	0	1,707
Dublin North Central	47	105	153	126	17	0	448
Dublin North West	52	84	154	220	88	2	600
CHO9	304	505	910	923	111	2	2,755
Total	3,622	4,655	4,055	2,777	844	425	16,378

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