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13th November 2020,
Deputy John Lahart,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ: 34295/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 31 October 2020 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks respectively.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position, with the latest available data being September 2020.

	CH O1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9	Louth/ Meath	Cavan/ Monaghan	Total
Wait Time to be Seen Initial Assessment - Monthly	<i>Data is calculated from date of referral to date of Initial Assessment Appointment offered by a Clinician.</i>											
< 1 month	26	44	5	34	5	18	153	36	112	128	17	578
> 1month < 3 months	88	53	0	79	41	1	24	83	14	88	29	500
> 3 months <6 months	34	32	0	24	7	0	0	15	2	9	7	130
> 6 months	52	206	0	49	3	0	2	9	0	37	10	368
Total	200	335	5	186	56	19	179	143	128	262	63	1576
Waiting by Choice/Need	70	279	28	228	9	60	89	148	278	226	52	1467



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services