



29th September 2020

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

PQ 23316/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age by category in tabular form

PQ 23317/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 years and more than 18 years of age by category in tabular form

PQ 23318/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list by each LHO area as of 31 August 2020 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and more than 18 years of age by category 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 May 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 – August 2020

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

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Appendix 6 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 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 - August 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	317	406	343	61	2	0	1,129
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	317	406	343	61	2	0	1,129
Galway	473	395	84	55	28	14	1,049
Mayo	174	29	22	12	0	0	237
Roscommon	69	8	2	1	0	0	80
CHO2	716	432	108	68	28	14	1,366
Clare	138	116	13	52	7	0	326
Limerick	239	232	133	28	24	25	681
North Tipperary East Limerick	169	202	119	60	16	0	566
CHO3	546	550	265	140	47	25	1,573
Kerry	134	16	0	0	0	0	150
North Cork	128	9	0	0	0	0	137
North Lee	217	144	24	0	0	0	385
South Lee	230	19	1	7	3	13	273
West Cork	84	14	0	0	0	0	98
CHO4	793	202	25	7	3	13	1,043
Carlow Kilkenny	197	279	102	16	2	0	596
South Tipperary	118	77	34	2	0	0	231
Waterford	118	193	118	1	0	0	430
Wexford	174	268	374	154	5	0	975
CHO5	607	817	628	173	7	0	2,232
Dublin South East	85	33	12	10	8	0	148
Dun Laoghaire	88	28	20	41	27	2	206
Wicklow	445	134	98	76	30	0	783
CHO6	618	195	130	127	65	2	1,137
Dublin South City	102	178	114	39	17	45	495
Dublin South West	225	277	102	57	78	373	1,112
Dublin West	63	203	228	234	116	11	855
Kildare West Wicklow	266	308	189	0	0	0	763
CHO7	656	966	633	330	211	429	3,225
Laois Offaly	373	739	35	33	8	13	1,201
Longford Westmeath	498	144	124	99	37	0	902
Louth	180	116	0	0	0	0	296
Meath	474	390	344	182	70	0	1,460
CHO8	1,525	1,389	503	314	115	13	3,859
Dublin North	276	550	460	347	71	0	1,704
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	140	284	343	308	156	32	1,263
CHO9	416	834	803	655	227	32	2,967
Total	6,194	5,791	3,438	1,875	705	528	18,531

Note : August data not returned for Donegal, Sligo Leitrim and Dublin North Central.

APPENDIX 2

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - August 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	153	285	278	33	2	0	751
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	153	285	278	33	2	0	751
Galway	309	373	75	55	28	10	850
Mayo	159	28	20	12	0	0	219
Roscommon	44	2	0	0	0	0	46
CHO2	512	403	95	67	28	10	1,115
Clare	129	116	13	52	7	0	317
Limerick	192	213	106	19	24	25	579
North Tipperary East Limerick	150	200	119	60	16	0	545
CHO3	471	529	238	131	47	25	1,441
Kerry	96	13	0	0	0	0	109
North Cork	100	9	0	0	0	0	109
North Lee	193	118	24	0	0	0	335
South Lee	190	14	0	7	3	13	227
West Cork	71	14	0	0	0	0	85
CHO4	650	168	24	7	3	13	865
Carlow Kilkenny	94	181	61	0	0	0	336
South Tipperary	75	69	33	2	0	0	179
Waterford	77	175	117	0	0	0	369
Wexford	87	216	364	138	0	0	805
CHO5	333	641	575	140	0	0	1,689
Dublin South East	55	33	12	10	8	0	118
Dun Laoghaire	88	28	20	41	27	2	206
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	143	61	32	51	35	2	324
Dublin South City	64	146	79	37	17	45	388
Dublin South West	158	216	61	57	78	373	943
Dublin West	52	200	227	227	116	6	828
Kildare West Wicklow	201	308	189	0	0	0	698
CHO7	475	870	556	321	211	424	2,857
Laos Offaly	300	675	1	0	0	0	976
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	157	116	0	0	0	0	273
Meath	27	91	126	61	0	0	305
CHO8	484	882	127	61	0	0	1,554
Dublin North	191	527	460	347	71	0	1,596
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	114	274	343	308	156	32	1,227
CHO9	305	801	803	655	227	32	2,823
Total	3,526	4,640	2,728	1,466	553	506	13,419

Note : August data not returned for Donegal, Sligo Leitrim and Dublin North Central.

APPENDIX 3

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 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	3	11	0	0	0	0	14
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	3	11	0	0	0	0	14
Galway	113	120	90	115	50	227	715
Mayo	109	86	35	0	0	0	230
Roscommon	59	127	26	0	0	0	212
CHO2	281	333	151	115	50	227	1,157
Clare	20	66	99	45	10	0	240
Limerick	77	63	66	44	21	25	296
North Tipperary East Limerick	11	13	10	1	0	0	35
CHO3	108	142	175	90	31	25	571
Kerry	119	88	10	0	0	0	217
North Cork	106	69	98	43	16	0	332
North Lee	133	201	267	149	68	35	853
South Lee	115	177	138	135	37	37	639
West Cork	26	28	28	23	1	0	106
CHO4	499	563	541	350	122	72	2,147
Carlow Kilkenny	7	62	93	170	135	141	608
South Tipperary	48	75	56	51	3	0	233
Waterford	5	50	64	163	151	102	535
Wexford	54	66	130	139	97	23	509
CHO5	114	253	343	523	386	266	1,885
Dublin South East	28	18	0	0	0	0	46
Dun Laoghaire	20	25	21	0	0	0	66
Wicklow	211	129	98	78	30	0	546
CHO6	259	172	119	78	30	0	658
Dublin South City	43	93	111	111	58	100	516
Dublin South West	23	90	85	115	43	20	376
Dublin West	181	119	163	229	162	128	982
Kildare West Wicklow	45	58	2	0	0	0	105
CHO7	292	360	361	455	263	248	1,979
Laois Offaly	6	55	133	166	12	0	372
Longford Westmeath	178	108	38	31	0	0	355
Louth	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
Meath	62	2	0	0	0	0	64
CHO8	264	165	171	197	12	0	809
Dublin North	23	196	229	320	3	0	771
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	61	88	126	193	43	0	511
CHO9	84	284	355	513	46	0	1,282
Total	1,904	2,283	2,216	2,321	940	838	10,502

Note : August data not turned for Donegal, Sligo Leitrim and Dublin North Central.

APPENDIX 4

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 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	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Galway	106	120	90	115	50	227	708
Mayo	71	86	35	0	0	0	192
Roscommon	59	127	26	0	0	0	212
CHO2	236	333	151	115	50	227	1,112
Clare	20	66	99	45	10	0	240
Limerick	56	39	41	34	12	25	207
North Tipperary East Limerick	11	8	9	1	0	0	29
CHO3	87	113	149	80	22	25	476
Kerry	100	86	10	0	0	0	196
North Cork	99	69	98	43	16	0	325
North Lee	118	195	267	149	68	35	832
South Lee	115	177	138	135	37	37	639
West Cork	24	28	28	23	1	0	104
CHO4	456	555	541	350	122	72	2,096
Carlow Kilkenny	7	62	93	170	135	141	608
South Tipperary	48	71	55	51	3	0	228
Waterford	5	50	64	163	151	102	535
Wexford	54	66	130	139	97	23	509
CHO5	114	249	342	523	386	266	1,880
Dublin South East	14	18	0	0	0	0	32
Dun Laoghaire	20	25	21	0	0	0	66
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	34	43	21	0	0	0	98
Dublin South City	43	91	111	111	58	100	514
Dublin South West	21	83	83	113	34	20	354
Dublin West	144	77	153	225	162	128	889
Kildare West Wicklow	45	58	2	0	0	0	105
CHO7	253	309	349	449	254	248	1,862
Laos Offaly	6	55	133	166	12	0	372
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CHO8	6	56	133	166	12	0	373
Dublin North	18	190	229	320	3	0	760
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	51	83	126	193	43	0	496
CHO9	69	273	355	513	46	0	1,256
Total	1,255	1,938	2,041	2,196	892	838	9,160

Note : August data not turned for Donegal, Sligo Leitrim and Dublin North Central.

APPENDIX 5

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 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	291	642	9	0	0	0	942
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	291	642	9	0	0	0	942
Galway	487	754	307	76	14	143	1,781
Mayo	255	135	6	2	0	0	398
Roscommon	98	0	0	0	0	0	98
CHO2	840	889	313	78	14	143	2,277
Clare	158	200	92	153	122	0	725
Limerick	442	228	168	85	43	6	972
North Tipperary East Limerick	281	146	64	14	0	0	505
CHO3	881	574	324	252	165	6	2,202
Kerry	493	400	88	7	0	0	988
North Cork	100	100	132	55	13	0	400
North Lee	149	294	271	218	97	41	1,070
South Lee	108	220	140	111	50	15	644
West Cork	98	135	92	71	3	0	399
CHO4	948	1,149	723	462	163	56	3,501
Carlow Kilkenny	108	251	44	143	7	1	554
South Tipperary	0	231	346	0	0	0	577
Waterford	5	15	12	41	19	16	108
Wexford	78	182	238	107	24	18	647
CHO5	191	679	640	291	50	35	1,886
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	47	32	7	0	0	0	86
Wicklow	289	199	78	72	71	0	709
CHO6	336	231	85	72	71	0	795
Dublin South City	85	147	165	131	46	107	681
Dublin South West	50	183	204	201	82	45	765
Dublin West	120	166	266	365	143	186	1,246
Kildare West Wicklow	230	565	98	5	0	0	898
CHO7	485	1,061	733	702	271	338	3,590
Laois Offaly	202	174	51	41	40	0	508
Longford Westmeath	381	275	141	128	5	0	930
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	7	7	0	0	0	0	14
CHO8	590	456	192	169	45	0	1,452
Dublin North	273	441	636	479	3	0	1,832
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	149	127	137	225	77	0	715
CHO9	422	568	773	704	80	0	2,547
Total	4,984	6,249	3,792	2,730	859	578	19,192

Note : August data not returned for Donegal, Sligo Leitrim and Dublin North Central.

APPENDIX 6

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 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	192	599	4	0	0	0	795
Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO1	192	599	4	0	0	0	795
Galway	292	710	298	74	10	5	1,389
Mayo	249	133	6	0	0	0	388
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2	541	843	304	74	10	5	1,777
Clare	114	157	92	153	122	0	638
Limerick	381	228	168	85	43	6	911
North Tipperary East Limerick	281	146	64	14	0	0	505
CHO3	776	531	324	252	165	6	2,054
Kerry	452	392	88	7	0	0	939
North Cork	76	92	127	52	13	0	360
North Lee	135	287	259	204	85	39	1,009
South Lee	63	178	129	106	50	15	541
West Cork	98	135	92	71	3	0	399
CHO4	824	1,084	695	440	151	54	3,248
Carlow Kilkenny	58	227	44	113	7	1	450
South Tipperary	0	229	340	0	0	0	569
Waterford	5	15	12	41	19	16	108
Wexford	77	181	237	106	23	17	641
CHO5	140	652	633	260	49	34	1,768
Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dun Laoghaire	47	32	7	0	0	0	86
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6	47	32	7	0	0	0	86
Dublin South City	59	139	165	131	46	107	647
Dublin South West	33	166	195	192	78	44	708
Dublin West	14	137	261	348	130	130	1,020
Kildare West Wicklow	230	565	98	5	0	0	898
CHO7	336	1,007	719	676	254	281	3,273
Laos Offaly	202	174	51	41	40	0	508
Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meath	1	7	0	0	0	0	8
CHO8	203	181	51	41	40	0	516
Dublin North	151	398	636	479	3	0	1,667
Dublin North Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin North West	147	100	136	225	77	0	685
CHO9	298	498	772	704	80	0	2,352
Total	3,357	5,427	3,509	2,447	749	380	15,869

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