



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20.
T 01 6207304 R: jim.ryan1@hse.ie

Head of Operations, Mental Health Service
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: jim.ryan1@hse.ie

4th February 2021
Deputy John Lahart
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.

PQ 3052/21

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 December 2020 or the latest date available; and the numbers waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks.

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 December 2020.

	Donegal	Sligo/ Leitrim	CHO2	CHO3	CHO4	CHO5	CHO6	CHO7	CHO8	CHO9	Louth/ Meath	Cavan/ Monaghan	Total
Wait Time to be Seen Initial Assessment - Monthly	Data is calculated from date of referral to date of Initial Assessment Appointment offered by a Clinician.												
< 1 month	8	8	80	44	35	2	17	107	39	53	28	9	430
> 1 month < 3 months	51	68	110	6	82	4	21	164	99	246	99	22	972
> 3 months < 6 months	10	54	0	0	70	37	0	0	26	8	82	31	318
> 6 months	14	5	50	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	9	18	140
Total	83	135	240	50	231	43	38	271	164	307	218	80	1860
Offered and Waiting by Choice/Need	Clients offered a service but waiting by choice/need: includes paused clients, waiting for face to face, waiting for particular reasons including specific gender, day/time/location requested appt, health reasons, therapy modality, other. Informs resource allocation. Waiting time is calculated from date of first appointment offered. This category only gets activated when an appointment is offered.												
< 1 month	0	0	6	0	4	2	3	0	1	2	0	1	19
> 1 month < 3 months	3	0	41	2	19	4	4	12	2	3	1	0	91
> 3 months < 6 months	9	0	1	1	14	0	5	23	3	14	5	4	79
> 6 months	32	3	250	1	77	0	16	28	23	118	120	32	700



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Oibríochtaí Meabhairshláinte
Ospidéal Naomh Lómáin Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20.
T 01 6207304 R: jim.ryan1@hse.ie

Head of Operations, Mental Health Service
St Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown Dublin 20
Tel: 01-6207304 Email: jim.ryan1@hse.ie

Total	44	3	298	4	114	6	28	63	29	137	126	37	889
Wait Time to be Seen On-going Counselling - Monthly	This category is only completed by areas where there is a separate counselling waiting list for clients who complete their Initial Assessment. Data is calculated from date of Initial Assessment/Screening to date of first appointment for on-going counselling offered. Do not complete this section if clients progress straight into on-going counselling from Initial Assessment.												
< 1 month	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
> 1 month < 3 months	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
> 3 months < 6 months	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	29
> 6 months	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	58
Total	0	0	112	0	32	0	144						

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services