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Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number 3934/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

Please see below details of the number of clients awaiting counselling with the NCS. Table 1 refers to the HSE NCS Counselling in Primary Care Service (CIPC), Table 2 details waiting times for the HSE NCS CaPA service for adults who have experienced childhood abuse which provides counselling for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes. Figures are up to date as at 8.2.2021.

Table 1: HSE NCS Counselling in Primary Care Service. Waiting Times. Jan 2021

Area		Number of Clients Waiting For Initial Assessment				Number Of Clients Waiting By Choice				Number Of Clients Waiting For Ongoing Counselling			
		less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +
CHO 1	Cavan & Monaghan	16	26	32	3	2	6	2	31	0	0	0	0
	Donegal	2	19	13	13	10	7	11	29	0	0	0	0
	Sligo & Leitrim	11	41	59	27	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Total		29	86	104	43	13	13	14	62				
CHO 2	Galway	11	38	33	83	14	31	16	132	22	35	9	1
	Mayo	5	14	19	21	3	6	4	47	3	4	15	2
	Roscommon	9	16	17	47	2	2	0	13	3	22	0	0
Total		25	68	69	151	19	39	20	192	28	61	24	3
CHO 3	Limerick	14	10	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
	Clare	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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Total		20	10	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
CHO4	Cork North Lee	6	1	4	1	11	27	8	7	0	0	0	0
	Cork West	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
	Cork North	1	2	0	1	9	5	13	5	0	0	0	0
	Cork South Lee	9	2	2	6	10	17	21	12	0	0	0	0
	Cork North	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
	Kerry	7	1	2	1	9	10	4	2	0	0	0	0
	Total		28	6	10	9	42	60	49	31	0	0	0
CHO5	Tipperary South	14	26	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wexford	14	43	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterford	19	45	15	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Carlow & Kilkenny	21	69	16	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		60	183	46		1	3	2	0	0		0	0
CHO6	Dun Laoghaire Dublin SE	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	11	2	0	0	8	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South East	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	14	0	0	0	0
Total		15	3	0	0	11	1	5	21	0	0	0	0
CHO7	Dublin South West	14	53	0	0	6	1	5	4	0	0	0	0
	Dublin West	11	45	0	0	3	3	2	16	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South City	8	22	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Kildare & West Wicklow	15	54	0	0	4	3	1	6	0	0	0	0
Total		48	174	0	0	15	8	8	30	0	0	0	0
CHO8	Louth	20	37	42	2	5	1	2	47	0	0	0	0
	Meath	17	48	32	3	2	3	5	60	0	0	0	0
	Laois & Offaly	30	24	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford & Westmeath	20	20	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total		87	129	82	5	11	4	9	107	0	0	0	0
CHO9													
	Dublin North	50	105	1	0	11	3	4	59	0	0	0	0



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	Dublin North Central	16	24	0	0	2	0	1	21	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North West	27	37	0	0	4	2	0	26	0	0	0	0
Total		93	166	1	0	17	5	5	106	0	0	0	0
												24	3
Overall Total		405	825	315	208	129	133	112	557	28	61	24	3

Table 2: HSE NCS CaPA Counselling for Adults who have Experienced Childhood Abuse. Waiting Times. Jan 2021

Area		Number of Clients Waiting For Initial Assessment				Number Of Clients Waiting By Choice				Number Of Clients Waiting For Ongoing Counselling			
		less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	less than 1 Mth	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +
CHO 1	Cavan & Monaghan	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	1	1	4	9
	Donegal	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	3	2
	Sligo & Leitrim	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	4
Total		0	0	0	0	4	0	0	9	3	4	14	
CHO 2	Galway	2	0	0	0	1	2	9	35	1	2	4	10
	Mayo	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	19
	Roscommon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	8
Total		3	1	0	0	2	2	11	50	1	2	5	
CHO 3	Limerick	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	8	22
	Clare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	11
Total		5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	9	
CHO 4	Cork North Lee	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	20	0	2	3	4
	Cork West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
	Cork North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Cork South Lee	4	1	0	0	0	5	4	4	8	6	8	0
	Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	0
Total		4	1	0	0	2	6	14	25	13	11	14	
CHO 5	Tipperary South	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	2	0
	Wexford	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	6	2	1
	Waterford	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	3	5	3	2



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	Carlow & Kilkenny	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	12	6	1	0
Total		7	0	1	1	3	3	2	18	23	22	8	
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	5	5	79
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	3	32
	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	37
Total		0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	11	14	
CHO 7	Dublin South West	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	6	5	0
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	0
	Kildare & West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	7	7	0
Total		0	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	9	17	12	
CHO 8	Louth	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	17	1	8	11	16
	Meath	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	4	5	6	3
	Laois & Offaly	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	0
	Longford & Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0
Total		0	1	0	0	3	6	4	27	9	16	17	
CHO 9													
	Dublin North	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	11	3	4	3	1
	Dublin North Central	4	1	0	0	5	3	8	47	3	11	3	0
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		7	2	0	1	5	3	11	58	6	15	6	
Overall Total		26	9	3	2	24	24	47	190	69	109	99	262

Please note:

Clients categorised as waiting by choice have been offered a service but have chosen to continue waiting. This includes clients who have been offered telehealth [counselling by phone or online video] but who have indicated they would prefer to wait for face to face counselling. These clients are contacted regularly.

National data is not collated by age category.

There is no waiting time for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes.

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



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Yours sincerely,

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

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