



24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Deputy Claire Kerrane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 11523/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for CAMHS and SLT disability services; and if he will provide the average waiting times for these services from January 2020 to date by month in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

**-Claire Kerrane**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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.

With regard to CAMHS services, please see attached Appendix 1, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service waiting list, with the latest available data being January 2021.

There are two types of referral; an urgent referral and a routine referral. Every effort is made to prioritise urgent referrals so that young people with high risk presentations are seen as soon as possible and this is often within 24 to 48 hours. This may impact on wait times for cases that are considered, by a clinician, to be less severe. The CAMHS referral teams meet every week to review all referrals and to assess the risk to the young person.

96.5% of accepted referrals/re-referrals were offered first appointment and seen within 12 months by CAMHS, excluding DNAs (Target 95%)

97.7% of urgent referrals responded to within 3 working days (Target >90%).

In January 2021 there were:

1445 referrals (including re-referrals received) Dec 2020 figure was 1926, and Nov. figure was 2382

962 referrals accepted

830 new/re-referral appointments offered

791 total new/re-referrals seen (569 new and 222 re-referrals)

39 D.N.A. (4.7%)

Regarding Speech and Language therapy, preliminary data for SLT services currently available reflects the period to the end of January 2021 which is the latest data available at this time. Please see below appendices which contain the following in tabular form;

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - January 2021

Appendix 3 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy – January 2021

Appendix 4 – Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - January 2021

The HSE is aware of the numbers of children waiting for therapy services and is fully cognisant of the stress this can cause to families. The HSE also acknowledges the challenges in meeting the demand for children’s disability services and is acutely conscious of how this impacts on children and their families.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne O'Neill', written over a horizontal line.

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Yvonne O’Neill,  
Interim National Director,  
Community Operations

**Appendix 2 - Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - January 2021**

| 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                   | 261          | 178                         | 198                          | 400                           | 88                             | 6          | 1,131         |
| Donegal                          | 296          | 202                         | 140                          | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 638           |
| Sligo Leitrim                    | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| <b>CHO1</b>                      | <b>557</b>   | <b>380</b>                  | <b>338</b>                   | <b>400</b>                    | <b>88</b>                      | <b>6</b>   | <b>1,769</b>  |
| Galway                           | 532          | 355                         | 230                          | 64                            | 20                             | 9          | 1,210         |
| Mayo                             | 248          | 11                          | 1                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 260           |
| Roscommon                        | 151          | 14                          | 2                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 167           |
| <b>CHO2</b>                      | <b>931</b>   | <b>380</b>                  | <b>233</b>                   | <b>64</b>                     | <b>20</b>                      | <b>9</b>   | <b>1,637</b>  |
| Clare                            | 204          | 70                          | 18                           | 3                             | 11                             | 4          | 310           |
| Limerick                         | 400          | 196                         | 115                          | 18                            | 0                              | 0          | 729           |
| North Tipperary East<br>Limerick | 266          | 123                         | 97                           | 46                            | 30                             | 0          | 562           |
| <b>CHO3</b>                      | <b>870</b>   | <b>389</b>                  | <b>230</b>                   | <b>67</b>                     | <b>41</b>                      | <b>4</b>   | <b>1,601</b>  |
| Kerry                            | 195          | 6                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 201           |
| North Cork                       | 154          | 38                          | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 192           |
| North Lee                        | 395          | 91                          | 6                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 492           |
| South Lee                        | 356          | 17                          | 3                            | 0                             | 9                              | 15         | 400           |
| West Cork                        | 89           | 3                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 92            |
| <b>CHO4</b>                      | <b>1,189</b> | <b>155</b>                  | <b>9</b>                     | <b>0</b>                      | <b>9</b>                       | <b>15</b>  | <b>1,377</b>  |
| Carlow Kilkenny                  | 272          | 131                         | 63                           | 4                             | 0                              | 0          | 470           |
| South Tipperary                  | 209          | 22                          | 5                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 236           |
| Waterford                        | 94           | 47                          | 139                          | 95                            | 0                              | 0          | 375           |
| Wexford                          | 246          | 136                         | 191                          | 294                           | 2                              | 0          | 869           |
| <b>CHO5</b>                      | <b>821</b>   | <b>336</b>                  | <b>398</b>                   | <b>393</b>                    | <b>2</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,950</b>  |
| Dublin South East                | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| Dun Laoghaire                    | 127          | 13                          | 12                           | 25                            | 34                             | 20         | 231           |
| Wicklow                          | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| <b>CHO6</b>                      | <b>127</b>   | <b>13</b>                   | <b>12</b>                    | <b>25</b>                     | <b>34</b>                      | <b>20</b>  | <b>231</b>    |
| Dublin South City                | 136          | 103                         | 104                          | 112                           | 31                             | 29         | 515           |
| Dublin South West                | 174          | 135                         | 159                          | 60                            | 42                             | 410        | 980           |
| Dublin West                      | 163          | 96                          | 128                          | 335                           | 184                            | 74         | 980           |
| Kildare West Wicklow             | 354          | 229                         | 225                          | 99                            | 0                              | 0          | 907           |
| <b>CHO7</b>                      | <b>827</b>   | <b>563</b>                  | <b>616</b>                   | <b>606</b>                    | <b>257</b>                     | <b>513</b> | <b>3,382</b>  |
| Laois Offaly                     | 380          | 224                         | 414                          | 179                           | 17                             | 0          | 1,214         |
| Longford Westmeath               | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| Louth                            | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| Meath                            | 150          | 49                          | 32                           | 30                            | 0                              | 0          | 261           |
| <b>CHO8</b>                      | <b>530</b>   | <b>273</b>                  | <b>446</b>                   | <b>209</b>                    | <b>17</b>                      | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,475</b>  |
| Dublin North                     | 183          | 119                         | 162                          | 312                           | 99                             | 48         | 923           |
| Dublin North Central             | 137          | 84                          | 111                          | 219                           | 111                            | 15         | 677           |
| Dublin North West                | 183          | 119                         | 162                          | 312                           | 99                             | 48         | 923           |
| <b>CHO9</b>                      | <b>503</b>   | <b>322</b>                  | <b>435</b>                   | <b>843</b>                    | <b>309</b>                     | <b>111</b> | <b>2,523</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>6,355</b> | <b>2,811</b>                | <b>2,717</b>                 | <b>2,607</b>                  | <b>777</b>                     | <b>678</b> | <b>15,945</b> |

**Appendix 3 - Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - January 2021**

| 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                | 6            | 4                           | 2                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 12           |
| Donegal                       | 59           | 9                           | 2                            | 3                             | 1                              | 0            | 74           |
| Sligo Leitrim                 | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 0            |
| <b>CHO1</b>                   | <b>65</b>    | <b>13</b>                   | <b>4</b>                     | <b>3</b>                      | <b>1</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>86</b>    |
| Galway                        | 150          | 47                          | 88                           | 142                           | 67                             | 239          | 733          |
| Mayo                          | 82           | 54                          | 69                           | 47                            | 0                              | 0            | 252          |
| Roscommon                     | 62           | 71                          | 80                           | 19                            | 0                              | 0            | 232          |
| <b>CHO2</b>                   | <b>294</b>   | <b>172</b>                  | <b>237</b>                   | <b>208</b>                    | <b>67</b>                      | <b>239</b>   | <b>1,217</b> |
| Clare                         | 51           | 41                          | 28                           | 40                            | 26                             | 4            | 190          |
| Limerick                      | 123          | 23                          | 30                           | 27                            | 0                              | 0            | 203          |
| North Tipperary East Limerick | 59           | 25                          | 8                            | 3                             | 0                              | 0            | 95           |
| <b>CHO3</b>                   | <b>233</b>   | <b>89</b>                   | <b>66</b>                    | <b>70</b>                     | <b>26</b>                      | <b>4</b>     | <b>488</b>   |
| Kerry                         | 96           | 43                          | 29                           | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 168          |
| North Cork                    | 17           | 77                          | 73                           | 102                           | 0                              | 0            | 269          |
| North Lee                     | 195          | 153                         | 150                          | 329                           | 105                            | 57           | 989          |
| South Lee                     | 148          | 136                         | 111                          | 155                           | 106                            | 99           | 755          |
| West Cork                     | 33           | 23                          | 17                           | 22                            | 1                              | 0            | 96           |
| <b>CHO4</b>                   | <b>489</b>   | <b>432</b>                  | <b>380</b>                   | <b>608</b>                    | <b>212</b>                     | <b>156</b>   | <b>2,277</b> |
| Carlow Kilkenny               | 65           | 28                          | 37                           | 117                           | 176                            | 242          | 665          |
| South Tipperary               | 75           | 61                          | 35                           | 13                            | 9                              | 0            | 193          |
| Waterford                     | 60           | 18                          | 26                           | 88                            | 150                            | 145          | 487          |
| Wexford                       | 77           | 94                          | 46                           | 147                           | 113                            | 55           | 532          |
| <b>CHO5</b>                   | <b>277</b>   | <b>201</b>                  | <b>144</b>                   | <b>365</b>                    | <b>448</b>                     | <b>442</b>   | <b>1,877</b> |
| Dublin South East             | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 0            |
| Dun Laoghaire                 | 75           | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 75           |
| Wicklow                       | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0            | 0            |
| <b>CHO6</b>                   | <b>75</b>    | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>     | <b>75</b>    |
| Dublin South City             | 29           | 57                          | 53                           | 182                           | 110                            | 103          | 534          |
| Dublin South West             | 24           | 39                          | 65                           | 142                           | 113                            | 47           | 430          |
| Dublin West                   | 29           | 33                          | 60                           | 226                           | 177                            | 198          | 723          |
| Kildare West Wicklow          | 41           | 34                          | 14                           | 14                            | 0                              | 0            | 103          |
| <b>CHO7</b>                   | <b>123</b>   | <b>163</b>                  | <b>192</b>                   | <b>564</b>                    | <b>400</b>                     | <b>348</b>   | <b>1,790</b> |
| Laois Offaly                  | 3            | 31                          | 33                           | 85                            | 39                             | 4            | 195          |
| 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            |
| <b>CHO8</b>                   | <b>3</b>     | <b>31</b>                   | <b>33</b>                    | <b>85</b>                     | <b>39</b>                      | <b>4</b>     | <b>195</b>   |
| Dublin North                  | 124          | 22                          | 79                           | 137                           | 56                             | 2            | 420          |
| Dublin North Central          | 46           | 57                          | 36                           | 85                            | 31                             | 5            | 260          |
| Dublin North West             | 124          | 22                          | 79                           | 137                           | 56                             | 2            | 420          |
| <b>CHO9</b>                   | <b>294</b>   | <b>101</b>                  | <b>194</b>                   | <b>359</b>                    | <b>143</b>                     | <b>9</b>     | <b>1,100</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>1,853</b> | <b>1,202</b>                | <b>1,250</b>                 | <b>2,262</b>                  | <b>1,336</b>                   | <b>1,202</b> | <b>9,105</b> |

**Appendix 4 - Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - January 2021**

| 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                | 133          | 152                         | 234                          | 29                            | 0                              | 0          | 548           |
| Donegal                       | 369          | 150                         | 347                          | 14                            | 18                             | 0          | 898           |
| Sligo Leitrim                 | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| <b>CHO1</b>                   | <b>502</b>   | <b>302</b>                  | <b>581</b>                   | <b>43</b>                     | <b>18</b>                      | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,446</b>  |
| Galway                        | 308          | 401                         | 488                          | 306                           | 106                            | 14         | 1,623         |
| Mayo                          | 119          | 95                          | 148                          | 41                            | 0                              | 0          | 403           |
| Roscommon                     | 255          | 127                         | 138                          | 28                            | 1                              | 0          | 549           |
| <b>CHO2</b>                   | <b>682</b>   | <b>623</b>                  | <b>774</b>                   | <b>375</b>                    | <b>107</b>                     | <b>14</b>  | <b>2,575</b>  |
| Clare                         | 252          | 88                          | 75                           | 180                           | 94                             | 61         | 750           |
| Limerick                      | 337          | 201                         | 145                          | 94                            | 60                             | 13         | 850           |
| North Tipperary East Limerick | 148          | 148                         | 84                           | 23                            | 0                              | 0          | 403           |
| <b>CHO3</b>                   | <b>737</b>   | <b>437</b>                  | <b>304</b>                   | <b>297</b>                    | <b>154</b>                     | <b>74</b>  | <b>2,003</b>  |
| Kerry                         | 347          | 298                         | 188                          | 31                            | 0                              | 0          | 864           |
| North Cork                    | 117          | 54                          | 56                           | 139                           | 9                              | 0          | 375           |
| North Lee                     | 251          | 167                         | 203                          | 322                           | 97                             | 79         | 1,119         |
| South Lee                     | 237          | 210                         | 189                          | 154                           | 55                             | 82         | 927           |
| West Cork                     | 91           | 47                          | 49                           | 64                            | 8                              | 0          | 259           |
| <b>CHO4</b>                   | <b>1,043</b> | <b>776</b>                  | <b>685</b>                   | <b>710</b>                    | <b>169</b>                     | <b>161</b> | <b>3,544</b>  |
| Carlow Kilkenny               | 77           | 79                          | 159                          | 93                            | 48                             | 8          | 464           |
| South Tipperary               | 0            | 176                         | 264                          | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 440           |
| Waterford                     | 8            | 6                           | 14                           | 23                            | 43                             | 6          | 100           |
| Wexford                       | 98           | 94                          | 290                          | 374                           | 109                            | 40         | 1,005         |
| <b>CHO5</b>                   | <b>183</b>   | <b>355</b>                  | <b>727</b>                   | <b>490</b>                    | <b>200</b>                     | <b>54</b>  | <b>2,009</b>  |
| Dublin South East             | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| Dun Laoghaire                 | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| Wicklow                       | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
| <b>CHO6</b>                   | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                     | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>      |
| Dublin South City             | 71           | 118                         | 92                           | 231                           | 107                            | 109        | 728           |
| Dublin South West             | 45           | 50                          | 146                          | 360                           | 190                            | 85         | 876           |
| Dublin West                   | 12           | 26                          | 116                          | 355                           | 350                            | 212        | 1,071         |
| Kildare West Wicklow          | 101          | 166                         | 301                          | 192                           | 6                              | 0          | 766           |
| <b>CHO7</b>                   | <b>229</b>   | <b>360</b>                  | <b>655</b>                   | <b>1,138</b>                  | <b>653</b>                     | <b>406</b> | <b>3,441</b>  |
| Laois Offaly                  | 44           | 97                          | 117                          | 31                            | 26                             | 20         | 335           |
| 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             |
| <b>CHO8</b>                   | <b>44</b>    | <b>97</b>                   | <b>117</b>                   | <b>31</b>                     | <b>26</b>                      | <b>20</b>  | <b>335</b>    |
| Dublin North                  | 130          | 18                          | 83                           | 180                           | 119                            | 0          | 530           |
| Dublin North Central          | 81           | 65                          | 102                          | 119                           | 47                             | 5          | 419           |
| Dublin North West             | 130          | 18                          | 83                           | 180                           | 119                            | 0          | 530           |
| <b>CHO9</b>                   | <b>341</b>   | <b>101</b>                  | <b>268</b>                   | <b>479</b>                    | <b>285</b>                     | <b>5</b>   | <b>1,479</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>3,761</b> | <b>3,051</b>                | <b>4,111</b>                 | <b>3,563</b>                  | <b>1,612</b>                   | <b>734</b> | <b>16,832</b> |