

16th November, 2021

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 53156/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting zero to three, three to six, six to 12, 9 to 12, 12 to 24 and 24 months plus for speech and language therapy in County Cork in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Please find the waiting list details for persons awaiting speech and language therapy (SLT), in age category 0 - 18 years. This data is collected, collated and presented as follows: *Waiting Initial Assessment (Table 1), Waiting Initial Therapy (Table 2) and Waiting Further Therapy (Table 3).*

CHO	CKCH	Waiting Initial Assessment					
		0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	over 24 months
CHO 4	Total HSE	903	336	26	0	0	0
	Total HSE Funded Agencies	66	28	3	0	9	15
	Overall Total	969	364	29	0	9	15

Table 1: Children awaiting initial SLT assessment

CHO	CKCH	Waiting Initial Therapy					
		0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	over 24 months
CHO 4	Total HSE	483	279	162	229	48	0
	Total HSE Funded Agencies	159	123	105	312	187	156
	Overall Total	642	402	267	541	235	156


Table 2: Children awaiting initial SLT

CHO	CKCH	Waiting Further Therapy					
		0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	over 24 months
CHO 4	Total HSE	320	316	256	133	93	0
	Total HSE Funded Agencies	411	106	198	164	118	121
	Overall Total	731	422	454	297	211	121

Table 3: Children awaiting further SLT

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Priscilla Lynch', enclosed in a thin blue rectangular border.

Priscilla Lynch
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