



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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**PQ 54924/21\*** To ask the Minister for Health if he will list each waiting list which exists for services provided by the HSE except for those provided by community services which is not reported by the National Treatment Purchase Fund

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

## Response

In terms of Scheduled Care National Waiting List data, the NTPF are responsible for collecting, collating and validating information on persons waiting for public hospital treatment, this applies of outpatients, inpatient & day case, and GI scope waiting lists. This is the only published national data available in relation to waiting lists for access to services in Acute Hospitals. This data is available at <https://www.ntpf.ie/home/nwld.htm>

The NTPF have more recently worked closely with HSE on a pilot project associated with collection of data on Radiology diagnostics (initially for CT, MRI and Ultrasound) on a quarterly basis. This project includes input from the Radiology Clinical Programme and other national, Hospital Group and Hospital stakeholders and is supported by the Department of Health. Waiting list information relating to Radiology diagnostics is still in the development phase and is currently not published.

The Deputy may be aware that on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October as part of the ongoing response to COVID and to support addressing some impact of the cyber-attack a focused Waiting List Action Plan which has been developed has in consultation between the Department of Health, the Health Service Executive, and the National Treatment Purchase Fund was published with full details available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c37dd-the-waiting-list-action-plan/>

The Waiting List Action Plan is aimed at mitigating the impact of the pandemic and the cyber-attack on scheduled care activity this year and aims to reduce the number

of patients waiting across the waiting lists areas (outpatients, inpatient, day case, and GI scopes) by achieving deliverables across 5 areas with specific actions within each area, to be delivered by year end:

- waiting list management
- immediate capacity
- improved modernised pathways
- preparation for the introduction of maximum wait time targets
- data and information

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Trish King', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

**Trish King**  
**General Manager**  
**Acute Operations**