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Deputy Johnny Guirke
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ – 56636/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the average number of patients waiting for a hearing aid installation through the medical card scheme in County Meath by wait time intervals of 3, 6, 9, 12, and 18 months and over in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Unfortunately we are not in a position to provide the information requested in the format requested.

Meath audiology patients receive their care from the Audiology service in Grangegorman which is the location where clients from Dublin North City & County also receive services.

Activity records for Meath and Dublin North City and County are not separated and it is not possible to extract Meath audiology patients

The activity for the Grangegorman Audiology department is attached for your information.

Community Audiology in Grangegorman PCC – area covered CHO9 and Co. Meath

Number of adult clients waiting on an appointment for assessment for hearing aid fitting broken down into years and wait time.

	0-12 wks	13-26 wks	27-39 wks	40-52 weeks	+52 wks	Total
2015 @year end	78	0	0	0	0	
2016 @year end	148	21	0	0	0	
2017 @year end	98	37	14	0	0	
2018 @year end	105	22	11	0	0	
2019 @year end	223	329	91	0	0	643
2020 @year end	198	204	83	145	36	666
2021 thus far	205	188	37	35	5	470

In relation to the change in numbers in 2019 compared to 2018, the metrics were not capturing all clients waiting and this led to a change in our counting process and since then the figures have been an accurate reflection.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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