



6th December 2021

Deputy Mark Ward,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 56846/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for paediatric appointments in hospital or in the community; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 this response, please note this relates to waiting times specifically in Community Services. Please see below tables which give the following waiting list data for services users aged 0 – 17 Years 11 Months for October 2021;

1. Dietetics – Number of Patients awaiting treatment
2. Ophthalmology - Number of Patients awaiting treatment
3. Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients awaiting First Time Assessment
4. Physiotherapy - Number of Patients awaiting assessment
5. Podiatry - Number of Patients awaiting treatment
6. Psychology - Number of Patients awaiting treatment
7. Speech and Language Therapy – Number of Patients awaiting First Time Assessment
8. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Patients Awaiting appointment

Note that average waiting times are not available, however where collated we have provided a breakdown of the timeframe waiting for appointment. Please also note that data is subject to ongoing review and validation as a result of cyber-attack on HSE systems, and some local health areas may not have been in a position to report their monthly figures. Where applicable this has been noted at the bottom of the table.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Yvonne O'Neill,
National Director,
Community Operations

Table 1:

Dietetics - Number of Patients waiting for treatment October 2021											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	63	28	7	2	0	84	48	15	2	0	249
CHO2 Total	77	110	80	32	132	26	40	35	11	147	690
CHO3 Total	36	49	32	32	152	44	40	36	54	444	919
CHO4 Total	225	103	22	1	4	164	71	10	1	3	604
CHO5 Total	112	97	91	101	271	78	58	164	210	599	1,781
CHO6 Total	37	7	0	0	0	7	9	0	0	0	60
CHO7 Total	87	58	27	22	139	22	18	20	13	82	488
CHO8 Total	124	49	24	12	11	66	46	31	17	48	428
CHO9 Total	114	51	41	20	7	24	8	18	11	6	300
National Total	875	552	324	222	716	515	338	329	319	1,329	5,519

Note: October data not returned for Dublin South West (CHO 7) and Dublin West (CHO 7)

Table 2:

Ophthalmology - Number of Patients waiting for treatment October 2021											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	135	132	76	37	104	123	67	65	64	207	1,010
CHO2 Total	291	552	485	626	2,214	201	306	190	169	1,092	6,126
CHO3 Total	86	96	31	20	65	258	165	115	49	355	1,240
CHO4 Total	252	204	98	87	294	181	353	173	158	957	2,757
CHO5 Total	312	130	90	83	597	194	94	37	47	51	1,635
CHO6 Total	60	13	0	0	0	90	4	0	0	0	167
CHO7 Total	95	132	54	128	501	99	88	13	45	287	1,442
CHO8 Total	413	116	60	50	351	293	79	32	19	932	2,345
CHO9 Total	39	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	116
National Total	1,683	1,375	894	1,031	4,126	1,516	1,156	625	551	3,881	16,838

Note: October data not returned for Cavan/Monaghan (CHO 1)

Table 3:

Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment October 2021											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	8	15	10	6	67	84	123	143	90	898	1,444
CHO2 Total	48	25	5	9	1	60	68	90	67	145	518
CHO3 Total	16	11	2	1	1	81	125	29	28	41	335
CHO4 Total	142	120	41	32	36	503	662	349	220	914	3,019
CHO5 Total	80	81	67	44	217	142	306	208	199	1,775	3,119
CHO6 Total	34	12	3	0	8	70	59	32	27	219	464
CHO7 Total	38	48	30	20	59	110	133	135	116	602	1,291
CHO8 Total	294	297	150	80	253	287	313	128	103	946	2,851
CHO9 Total	26	40	12	20	45	132	188	162	142	811	1,578
National Total	686	649	320	212	687	1,469	1,977	1,276	992	6,351	14,619

Note: October data not returned for Mayo (CHO 2)

Table 4:

Physiotherapy - Number of Patients waiting for Assessment October 2021											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	164	57	41	12	46	135	61	50	49	490	1,105
CHO2 Total	176	89	36	25	74	151	85	37	40	203	916
CHO3 Total	149	33	13	6	0	128	50	20	11	10	420
CHO4 Total	212	88	20	6	14	242	129	72	41	154	978
CHO5 Total	219	78	19	12	8	196	85	55	28	79	779
CHO6 Total	174	24	14	0	0	96	35	10	7	2	362
CHO7 Total	255	109	63	50	59	108	118	51	56	94	963
CHO8 Total	385	229	137	53	163	294	252	157	78	500	2,248
CHO9 Total	286	115	33	15	17	125	87	64	27	126	895
National Total	2,020	822	376	179	381	1,475	902	516	337	1,658	8,666

Table 5:

Podiatry - Number of Patients waiting for treatment October 2021											
CHO	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO2 Total	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	2	3	0	18
CHO3 Total	8	2	0	0	0	21	11	0	0	0	42
CHO4 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
CHO5 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO6 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO7 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHO8 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CHO9 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National Total	8	2	0	0	0	31	16	2	4	2	65

Table 6:

Psychology - Number of Patients waiting for treatment October 2021											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	11	16	4	4	6	114	109	89	105	148	606
CHO2 Total	20	13	11	12	24	78	59	46	39	174	476
CHO3 Total	12	16	12	8	13	47	82	67	21	136	414
CHO4 Total	76	37	28	18	25	429	381	144	118	856	2,112
CHO5 Total	41	30	12	4	6	219	160	118	96	156	842
CHO6 Total	50	32	15	9	3	107	82	40	23	8	369
CHO7 Total	45	40	21	25	88	130	155	154	124	1,232	2,014
CHO8 Total	42	19	9	2	0	253	161	55	45	2	588
CHO9 Total	39	53	19	9	125	173	194	145	106	1,270	2,133
National Total	336	256	131	91	290	1,550	1,383	858	677	3,982	9,554

Note: October data not returned for Galway (CHO 2)

Table 7:

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - October 2021							
CHO Area	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
CHO1	676	514	368	239	141	20	1,958
CHO2	711	413	171	39	24	3	1,361
CHO3	741	609	358	148	23	53	1,932
CHO4	970	435	38	4	13	15	1,475
CHO5	716	492	318	185	322	1	2,034
CHO6	155	46	0	0	0	0	201
CHO7	589	609	456	180	35	3	1,872
CHO8	374	194	108	57	50	5	788
CHO9	434	491	160	62	93	6	1,246
Total	5,366	3,803	1,977	914	701	106	12,867

Note: October data not returned for Dublin West (CHO 7)

Table 8:

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Waiting List						
	Total	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
National Total	3,065	1,469	733	427	234	202
CHO 1	280	164	71	26	14	5
CHO 2	110	72	38	0	0	0
CHO 3	355	114	84	37	44	76
CHO 4	616	202	129	130	91	64
CHO 5	221	99	55	41	14	12
CHO 6	456	320	98	30	5	3
CHO 7	272	167	52	25	15	13
CHO 8	466	226	114	72	25	29
CHO 9	289	105	92	66	26	0