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PQ 48228/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in County Wexford; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

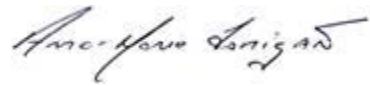
The number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in Wexford	No. waiting less than 3 months	No. waiting 3-6 months	No. waiting 6-12 months	No. waiting 12 months +
Waiting for initial assessment – adults	43	26	45	44
Waiting for initial assessment – children	182	233	355	261
Waiting for initial therapy – adults	0	0	0	4
Waiting for initial therapy – children	82	67	155	175
Waiting for further therapy adults	0	0	5	15
Waiting for further therapy – children	89	124	297	383

Covid-19 has required the SLT Department to develop new ways of working in order to deliver SLT services in a safe effective manner while complying with HSE Covid-19 protocols to ensure the safety of patients and staff. It is hoped that as Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed in the coming months, SLT services can return to normal capacity with a reduction in waiting lists.

Please be assured that the HSE SLT service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan".

Anna Marie Lanigan
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