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Deputy David Cullinane 38/39 Stephen St., Waterford City, Waterford.

## Re:. PQ 48878/21 Number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in CHO3

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for Audiology appointments in the CHO3 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

I can advise that there are currently 1,535 patients on the waiting list for HSE Audiology Services across the CHO3 area.

I can advise that a number of waiting list initiatives are planned in CHO3 between now and year end. The main focus of these initiatives is to provide appointments for the longest waiting patients. Urgent referrals will continue to be prioritised during regular HSE Audiology Clinics.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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