

14th October, 2021

Mr David Cullinane T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street,
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PQ ref 48879/21

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO4 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO4) audiology service is provided by a team of audiologists who assess clients with hearing difficulties and support them through each stage of their care pathway, from initial assessment to hearing aid fitting and follow-up care.

The below table reflects the number of patients awaiting appointments across Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO4) as of 31st August 2021. This is inclusive of initial assessments and review appointments.

Total number waiting across CKCH (CHO 4)	4168
Total number of children waiting CKCH	1965
Total number of adults waiting in Cork	1960
Total number of adults waiting in Kerry	513

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Priscilla Lynch
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