

1st November, 2021

Mr David Cullinane T.D., Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Oifig an Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí. **(: 057 9359787 *:** <u>CHO8@hse.ie</u> Office of the Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation, Health Service Executive, Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly **(: 057 9359787** *: CHO8@hse.ie

Re: Parliamentary Question – 48883/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO8 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

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. I have examined the matter and I outline response as follows.

Number of clients waiting for appointment in CHO8 - broken down into LHO as of 30.09.2021.

Longford Westmeath

Number waiting 0-4 years old Number waiting 5-17 years old Number waiting 18-64 years old Number waiting 65+ years old	- 214 - 258 - 76 - 198
Laois/Offaly	
Number waiting 0-4 years old	- 254
Number waiting 5-17 years old	- 498
Number waiting 18-64 years old	- 118
Number waiting 65+ years old	- 439
Louth	
Number waiting 0-4 years old	- 90
Number waiting 5-17 years old	- 91
Number waiting 18-64 years old	- 70
Number waiting 65+ years old	- 177

Meath figures are imbedded in CHO9 figures and we are not able to get them separately. I am advised that CHO9 figures have already been returned.

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

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation