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PQ 48884/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO9 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. **David Cullinane TD**

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 the following outlines the position.

The Audiology service located in Grangegorman Primary Care Centre covers the geographical area of Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County and county Meath.

The total number of patients waiting for an audiology appointment as of 30th September 2021 is 1,309.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, a significant number of patients on our waiting list requested their appointments be postponed until infection rates dropped or until they have received their vaccine. Over the next 2 months we will offer these clients appointments in order to clear those waiting longest from our list.

In addition to this, the Audiology Department will avail of national audiology program funding for a one year Specified Purpose Contract for a staff grade Audiologist, this will also help reduce the waiting list. It is intended to have this post in place in quarter 1, 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

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