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Deputy Catherine Connolly

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PQ 49098/21 RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on waiting lists for echocardiography services; the number of these patients waiting 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months and 2, 3 and 4 plus years, respectively.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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. The information which you have sought is not collected centrally and the Hospital Groups have been asked to provide a response in the matter. I apologise for the delay in responding.

ULHG have provided the breakdown of the number of patients waiting for echocardiography services below.

Wait time:	Patients waiting:
0-3 months	337
3-6 months	354
6-9 months	398

9-12 months	415
12-18 months	576
18-24 months	522
2-3 years	259

SSWHG have provided the below table.

Hospital	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-24 months	24-36 months	36-48 months	>= 48 months	Total
CUH	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
BGH	199	102	134	52	21	1	-	-	509
MGH	86	131	149	156	176	192	207	211	1,308
UHW	489	254	-	-	-	-	-	-	743
KOH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UHK	380	112	21	91	112	14	12	-	742
TUH	419	226	211	189	71	-	-	-	1,116
MUH	358	221	80	57	340	91	19	5	1,171
SIVUH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHI have advised that when a referral is received in cardiology the patient is clinically triaged and prioritised by a consultant and placed on an out-patient waiting list. When the patient is booked for their appointment the referral is again reviewed and it is determined in advance of the appointment whether the patient will require an ECHO as part of their appointment. If the patient requires an ECHO this is undertaken as part of their overall out-patient appointment visit.

All patients who require an ECHO are provided this as part of their outpatient appointment.

However, there are a small number of patients who may have specific challenges when an ECHO is required, and in such circumstances these patients may be placed on a Day Case Waiting list to have their ECHO under sedation. The details of the patients awaiting an ECHO as a Day Case are outlined below.

	0-3 Months	6-12 Months	12+ Months	Total
ECHO	14	2	5	21

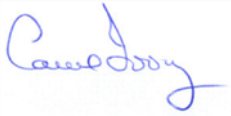
RCSI have advised they do not hold information regarding cardiology waiting lists.

I also attach details for IEHG and Saolta.

I am currently waiting for a response from DMHG which will be provided as soon as it is available.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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