



7th April 2022

Deputy Sean Crowe
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults accessing speech and language therapy services in CHO7; the number of adults awaiting assessment for the services; the number of adults who have had an assessment and are on waiting lists to access services; and the average wait time for assessment and post-assessment access -Seán Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see attached Table outlining the waiting times up to the end of March 2022.

Currently recruitment is ongoing for a total of 11 new Senior SLT posts for the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Network model. When in place, it is anticipated that these new resources will have a significant effect on wait times, providing access to service users in a timely manner, local to home.

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

Yours sincerely,

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