

23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022

Mr Thomas Gould T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 62699/22**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Cork currently awaiting an appointment for audiology by waiting time in tabular form."**

Dear Deputy Gould

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 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. Referrals to the service are received directly from GPs and ENT Consultants. The number of children in County Cork awaiting an appointment for audiology as of 30 November 2022 is displayed in the below table:

Wait Time	Age	No. Awaiting TESTS	No. Awaiting REVIEWS	TOTAL
<b>0-12 Weeks</b>	0-4 yrs	159	168	327
	5-17 yrs	93	144	237
<b>13-26 Weeks</b>	0-4 yrs	185	86	271
	5-17 yrs	140	99	239
<b>27-39 Weeks</b>	0-4 yrs	146	7	153
	5-17 yrs	105	0	105
<b>39-52 Weeks</b>	0-4 yrs	104	1	105
	5-17 yrs	4	0	4
<b>&gt;52 Weeks</b>	0-4 yrs	28	0	28
	5-17 yrs	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>964</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>1469</b>
<b>90% of children are waiting under 39 weeks</b>				

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', written in a cursive style.

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**Priscilla Lynch**  
**Head of Service - Primary Care,**  
**Cork Kerry Community Healthcare**