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Deputy Shortall
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 63075/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form.

- Roisin Shortall

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (63075/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas. In light of these unprecedented challenges, together with the Government's guidance on social distancing, this has unfortunately had unavoidable negative impacts on waiting lists. The HSE continues to work hard to address these issues and find solutions to the difficulties resulting from the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality speech and language therapy care services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 205,214 patients seen by HSE community Speech and Language services.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Speech and Language in each CHO area, as of October 2022, which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language – Number of Patients waiting for treatment October 2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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