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Deputy Matt Carthy,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 4540/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments per CHO and former LHO by quarter during 2021 and to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 4540/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The spread of COVID-19 is posing significant challenges for many service areas. In light of these unprecedented challenges together with the Government's guidance on social distancing and on 'Cocooning' for those aged over 70, the HSE has had to reassess its operation of Community Therapy Services nationally, to ensure that the assessed needs of those clients with the highest priority are met.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality Audiology services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 47,233 Audiology patients seen by HSE community Audiology services.

Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists in Audiology. This is the reported data at the end of each quarter during 2021. Please note that this is the latest available data at this time. Where an individual LHO was unable to return the waiting list data for the month in question that is noted at the bottom of the waiting list table.

Appendix 1 - Audiology - Number of Patients waiting for treatment by quarter during 2021

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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