

21st March 2022

Holly Cairns TD.,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 9541/22

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting occupational therapy appointments in south west County; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Cairns

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 number of children currently awaiting on occupational therapy appointments in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (formerly CHO 4) is as follows:

Area	No of Children waiting	No of Children waiting > 52 weeks	% waiting > 52 weeks	Longest waiting times by area
North Lee	595	17	3%	80
South Lee	936	109	12%	109
North Cork	584	205	35%	160
West Cork	227	103	45%	130
Kerry	597	295	50%	130
	Total = 2939	729	25%	

The average waiting period is 121 weeks currently this will have been impacted by covid backlog and increased referral rates. 75% of children are waiting less than or equal to 52 week.

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

Yours sincerely,



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