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Deputy Michael Moynihan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 36347/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list and within that, the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and aged 65 years plus for each category in each local health area as of 1 July 2022 or the latest date available, in tabular form.**

**- Michael Moynihan**

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 36347/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The spread of Covid-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas, including all Therapy Services. 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 Physiotherapy services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 429,888 patients seen by HSE community Physiotherapy services.

Please find the attached appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Physiotherapy as of May 2022, which is the latest data available at this time. Please note that where an individual LHO was unable to return the waiting list for the month in question, that it is noted at the bottom of the waiting list table.

Appendix 1 – Physiotherapy – Number of Patients waiting for assessment May 2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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