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

**PQ 36350/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months and the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he will also indicate for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 years and above 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 36350/22) 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 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 Speech and Language Therapy services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 205,214 patients seen by HSE community Speech and Language Therapy services.

Please find the attached appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Further Treatment for Speech and Language Therapy (total number and number of 0-17 years & 11 months old) as of May 2022, which is the latest data available at this time.

Please note that the breakdown of waiting list data by age is unavailable.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - May 2022

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy – Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy – May 2022



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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