

22nd July 2022

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting a speech and language appointment through primary care in Cork; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months; broken down in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

Please find the waiting list details for persons awaiting speech and language therapy (SLT), in age category 0 - 18 years. This data is collected, collated and presented as follows: *Waiting Initial Assessment (Table 1)*, *Waiting Initial Therapy (Table 2)* and *Waiting Further Therapy (Table 3)*.

Primary Care	Waiting Initial Assessment			
	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	Over 12 months
Cork	1081	352	12	0

Table 1: Children awaiting initial SLT assessment

Primary Care	Waiting Initial Therapy			
	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	Over 12 months
Cork	419	438	302	220

Table 2: Children awaiting initial SLT

Primary Care	Waiting Further Therapy			
	0-4 months	4-8 months	8-12 months	Over 12 months
Cork	382	394	364	149

Table 3: Children awaiting further SLT

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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