

27<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Mr Thomas Gould TD,  
Dáil Éireann  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 39565/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for an occupational therapy 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.

The following are the waiting times at the end of June 2022 for the Primary Care Occupational Therapy Service in Cork, within Cork Kerry Community Health Service.

| Area       | Total No waiting First Time Assessment | Total No waiting First Time Assessment Adults | No Adults waiting Assessment over 52 weeks | Total No waiting First Time Assessment Children | No waiting Assessment > 52 weeks Children | No waiting Treatment |
|------------|--|---|--|---|---|----------------------|
| North Lee  | 1129                                   | 452   | 78   | 677   | 75  | 0                    |
| North Cork | 808                                    | 181   | 2  | 627   | 212                                       | 0                    |
| South Lee  | 1788                                   | 690   | 112  | 1098  | 236                                       | 0                    |
| West Cork  | 543                                    | 269   | 29   | 274   | 110                                       | 0                    |

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Primary Care Occupational Therapy Service commences intervention as clinically required immediately following assessment without an additional waiting period.

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

Yours sincerely,



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