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Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 29682/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 60 to 74 years and 75+ years on community healthcare waiting lists, by care group, in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

-David Cullinane

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Data is not captured nationally in the format requested, however please see tables below which show the therapy waiting lists in Primary Care for those aged over 65 years old as of the end of April.

In Mental Health Services, the Psychiatry of Later Life (POLL) table refers to those aged over 65 years referred to the service and offered an appointment within 12 weeks. Nationally at end of April 94.2% were offered an appointment within this timeframe, with the remaining service users normally offered an appointment shortly afterwards. Therefore, numbers waiting longer than 12 weeks for this service are not routinely captured.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Neill,  
Interim National Director,  
Community Operations

	Occupational Therapy		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,485</b>	<b>15,817</b>	<b>48.7%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	1,655	671	40.5%
<b>CHO 2</b>	3,974	1,980	49.8%
<b>CHO 3</b>	2,303	1,541	66.9%
<b>CHO 4</b>	5,288	1,842	34.8%
<b>CHO 5</b>	5,340	2,316	43.4%
<b>CHO 6</b>	1,570	1,030	65.6%
<b>CHO 7</b>	3,513	1,579	44.9%
<b>CHO 8</b>	3,857	2,188	56.7%
<b>CHO 9</b>	4,985	2,670	53.6%

	Physiotherapy		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,023</b>	<b>21,238</b>	<b>36.6%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	4,218	1,245	29.5%
<b>CHO 2</b>	7,436	3,007	40.4%
<b>CHO 3</b>	6,212	2,283	36.8%
<b>CHO 4</b>	4,826	1,950	40.4%
<b>CHO 5</b>	10,320	3,556	34.5%
<b>CHO 6</b>	2,412	972	40.3%
<b>CHO 7</b>	4,027	1,304	32.4%
<b>CHO 8</b>	11,376	3,453	30.4%
<b>CHO 9</b>	7,196	3,468	48.2%

	Psychology		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,748</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	1,052	36	3.4%
<b>CHO 2</b>	1,122	0	0.0%
<b>CHO 3</b>	368	0	0.0%
<b>CHO 4</b>	2,475	6	0.2%
<b>CHO 5</b>	1,033	<5	0.3%
<b>CHO 6</b>	703	<5	0.4%
<b>CHO 7</b>	2,247	32	1.4%
<b>CHO 8</b>	1,002	15	1.5%
<b>CHO 9</b>	2,746	66	2.4%

	Audiology		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,692</b>	<b>7,062</b>	<b>37.8%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	2,018	1,066	52.8%
<b>CHO 2</b>	2,545	985	38.7%
<b>CHO 3</b>	1,523	657	43.1%
<b>CHO 4</b>	3,612	1,523	42.2%
<b>CHO 5</b>	3,590	1,504	41.9%
<b>CHO 6</b>	0	0	
<b>CHO 7</b>	2,810	852	30.3%
<b>CHO 8</b>	1,687	416	24.7%
<b>CHO 9</b>	907	59	6.5%

	Ophthalmology		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,736</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	4,922	1,683	34.2%
<b>CHO 2</b>	4,303	136	3.2%
<b>CHO 3</b>	1,300	30	2.3%
<b>CHO 4</b>	4,298	529	12.3%
<b>CHO 5</b>	2,419	330	13.6%
<b>CHO 6</b>	460	0	0.0%
<b>CHO 7</b>	578	0	0.0%
<b>CHO 8</b>	2,336	112	4.8%
<b>CHO 9</b>	120	0	0.0%

	Podiatry		
	Total	65+	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>73.6%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	787	582	74.0%
<b>CHO 2</b>	1,127	731	64.9%
<b>CHO 3</b>	1,638	1,316	80.3%
<b>CHO 4</b>	865	660	76.3%
<b>CHO 5</b>	258	189	73.3%
<b>CHO 6</b>	22	20	90.9%
<b>CHO 7</b>	0	0	-
<b>CHO 8</b>	782	532	68.0%
<b>CHO 9</b>	0	0	-

	POLL
	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	92.7%
<b>CHO 2</b>	100.0%
<b>CHO 3</b>	97.3%
<b>CHO 4</b>	90.2%
<b>CHO 5</b>	98.8%
<b>CHO 6</b>	97.6%
<b>CHO 7</b>	86.0%
<b>CHO 8</b>	90.5%
<b>CHO 9</b>	86.0%