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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 30130/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults currently waiting for occupational therapy in tabular form; the length of wait in 3 month time bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 30130/22) 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 Occupational Therapy services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 337,246 patients seen by HSE community Occupational Therapy services.

Please find the attached appendix which contains, in tabular form, details of the adult waiting list for Occupational Therapy as of April 2022, which is the latest data available at this time. Please note that where an individual CHO was unable to return the waiting list data for the month in question, that it is noted at the bottom of the waiting list table.

Appendix 1 – Occupational Therapy – Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment – April 2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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