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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 11134/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by age and length of wait time on child psychology waiting lists for an assessment and treatment by CHO.

PQ 11131/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by age and length of wait time on speech and language therapy waiting lists for an assessment and treatment by CHO.

PQ 11132/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by age and length of wait time on physiotherapy waiting lists for an assessment and treatment by CHO.

PQ 11133/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by age and length of wait time on occupational therapy waiting lists for an assessment and treatment by CHO.

PQ 11870/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on podiatry waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

PQ 11872/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on audiology waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time in tabular form.

PQ 11868/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on occupational therapy waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

PQ 11869/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on speech and language therapy waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

PQ 11873/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on dietetics waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by the length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

PQ 11874/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on psychology waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time in tabular form.



PQ 11867/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on physiotherapy waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by the length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

PQ 11871/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on ophthalmology waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down by age and by length of waiting time by age in tabular form.

- 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 Questions 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.

Please find the attached appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for individuals in child psychology, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, audiology, dietetics, psychology and ophthalmology as of January 2022. This is the latest available data at this time.

Additionally, please find the attached appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for individuals in podiatry, audiology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics, psychology, physiotherapy, and ophthalmology as of the end of 2021. Please note where an individual LHO was unable to return the waiting list data for the month in question that is noted at the bottom of the waiting list table.

Please note, in some cases, breakdown of data by age is unavailable.

Appendix 1 – Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old Patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 2 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment – January 2022

Appendix 3 – Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy – January 2022

Appendix 4 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy – January 2022

Appendix 5 – Physiotherapy – Number of patients waiting for Assessment January 2022

Appendix 6 – Occupational Therapy – Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment January 2022



Appendix 7 – Podiatry – Number of Patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 8 – Audiology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 9 – Dietetics – Number of patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 10 – Psychology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 11 – Ophthalmology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 12 – Podiatry – Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2021

Appendix 13 – Audiology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2021

Appendix 14 – Occupational Therapy – Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment December 2021

Appendix 15 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - December 2021

Appendix 16 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy – December 2021

Appendix 17 – Speech and Language Therapy – Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy – December 2021

Appendix 18 – Dietetics – Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2021

Appendix 19 – Psychology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2021

Appendix 20 – Physiotherapy – Number of Patients waiting for Assessment December 2021

Appendix 21 – Ophthalmology – Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2021

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

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