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Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**PQ 12718/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for CHO services by speciality and service that is, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy and so on, at the end of February 2022, by CHO and by speciality and service by each service waiting list by age cohort breakdowns and time on the waiting list within cohorts in tabular form; 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 (PQ 12718/22) 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.

Please find the attached appendices which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy as of February 2022. This is the latest available data at this time. 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.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - February 2022

Appendix 2 – Physiotherapy - Number of Patients waiting for Assessment February 2022

Appendix 3 – Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment February 2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

**Seán McArt**  
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