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***“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO7 waiting for a HSE approved shower chair; and the average waiting time for same”***

Deputy Catherine Murphy

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Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to the Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm when a referral for Primary Care Occupational Therapy is received it is prioritised for assessment according to an agreed Standard Operating Procedure.

A client's needs are identified at assessment. Primary Care Occupational Therapy intervention may include education, support and/or provision of equipment. Once a client is assessed and the need for a shower chair is identified by an Occupational Therapist, then an order is placed and financial approval given.

It is estimated that 60% of clients on the adult Primary Care waiting list require intervention for personal activities of daily living, which may include the provision of a shower chair.

The process from assessment to approval and ordering would take approximately two weeks but some equipment providers experienced manufacturing and delivery delays during the COVID-19 pandemic and recent supply chain challenges.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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