

30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

Mr Michael Healy-Rae T.D.,  
 Dáil Éireann,  
 Dublin 2

**PQ ref 2008/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for Audiology appointments in Primary Care in CHO4 by age category and time waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Audiology Service is provided by a team of Audiologists who assess clients with hearing difficulties and support them through each stage of their care pathway, from initial assessment to hearing aid fitting and follow-up care. Referrals to the service are received directly from GPs or from ENT Consultants.

As at the end of December 2022 there are a total of 4,501 clients on the Audiology Waiting List as outlined below.

| Wait Time   | Age Categories |         |          |         |
|-------------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|
|             | 0-4yrs         | 5-17yrs | 18-64yrs | > 65yrs |
| 0-12 Weeks  | 374            | 288     | 116      | 314     |
| 13-26 Weeks | 377            | 281     | 96       | 260     |
| 27-39 Weeks | 260            | 162     | 79       | 266     |
| 39-52 Weeks | 169            | 78      | 93       | 268     |
| >52 Weeks   | 118            | 1       | 151      | 750     |

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,




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