

18th July, 2023

Mr. Colm Burke., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 33306/23

"To ask the Minister for Health to set out in tabular form the total number of people on HSE physiotherapy waiting lists in Cork from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, and 1 January 2023 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has 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.

The total number of people on HSE physiotherapy waiting lists in Cork from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, and 1 January 2023 to date are as follows:

Physiotherapy Waiting List for Cork January 2022 - December 2022												
CKCH	Jan-02	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
North Lee	1967	1882	2072	1499	1524	1710	2269	2286	1891	2434	2621	2958
South Lee	556	669	699	848	794	854	695	676	840	1100	1133	860
North Cork	994	900	748	900	913	1073	1209	984	822	906	980	1214
West Cork	390	302	372	446	375	517	602	452	464	473	430	428
TOTAL	3907	3753	3891	3693	3606	4154	4775	4398	4017	4913	5164	5460

Physiotherapy Waiting List for Cork January 2023 - May 2023					
CKCH	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
North Lee	2156	2023	2186	1858	2553
South Lee	1029	1326	1246	1388	1269
North Cork	986	1032	956	1014	1191
West Cork	442	477	534	451	429
TOTAL	4613	4858	4922	4711	5442

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare acknowledges the significant Physiotherapy waiting lists. There has been significant challenges in relation to the recruitment of staff and this in conjunction with higher referral rates than previous years has attributed to longer waiting times in certain areas of Cork and Kerry. I wish to ensure you that CKCH remains committed to meeting these demands. This includes local, national and international recruitment campaigns along with relevant quality initiatives in local Community Healthcare Networks.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Priscilla Lynch', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Priscilla Lynch
Head of Service - Primary Care,
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare