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Deputy Bruton, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 33422/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a report from the HSE about waiting lists in Dublin for physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Richard Bruton

Dear Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (33422/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Health Organisations (CHOs) continue to see an increase in referrals for Physiotherapy services and the HSE remains committed to delivering these services to all eligible service users in an efficient and effective manner. In 2022, there were 482,065 patients seen by HSE Physiotherapy in Primary Care. The Enhanced Community Care (ECC) programme is making substantial progress nationally, reducing pressure on services and dependence on the hospital-centric model of care through enhanced and increased community services.

Waiting list data in relation to Physiotherapy services for both adult and children is reported on by the HSE on a monthly basis. The Department of Health can directly access the full range of national KPI reports. For your information, I have attached an Appendix which contains, in tabular form, details of the Physiotherapy waiting list in each of the CHO areas that cover Dublin namely CHOs 6, 7 and 9, as at the end of May 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Physiotherapy Waitlist as at the end of May 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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