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

**PQ 35079/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of May and June 2018-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and the breakdown by length of wait and by age.**

**- 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 (35079/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care services. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This has resulted in an increase in those waiting. The HSE continues to work hard to address these challenges and find solutions to decrease the numbers waiting as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

For your information, please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for the years you have requested.

- Appendix 1 - Primary Care Waitlists as at May and June 2018 to 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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