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

**PQ 35208/23 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to outline in tabular form the number of people here that are currently waiting an appointment for early intervention, broken down by therapy; the number that are waiting less than 6 months, those waiting 6-12 months and those that are waiting more than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

-Pauline Tully

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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (35208/23) 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 over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care services, this represents a 5.5% increase on the previous year. 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.

At present, waiting list data specific to Early Intervention is not collated by the HSE. For your information, I have attached an appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Primary Care Therapies Waitlist for Children in each CHO area, as at the end of May 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

- Appendix 1 – Primary Care Therapies Waitlists (under 18) as at the end of May 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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