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Deputy Ward,  
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Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 35331/23 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on occupational therapy waiting lists, by CHO and by age, for the years 2020 to 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Mark Ward**

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Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (35331/23) 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 336,291 patients seen by the HSE Occupational Therapy Service in Primary Care. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. The resulting ongoing impact is seen in the increased number of referrals and subsequent waiting lists for Primary Care Services.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Occupational Therapy waiting list in each CHO area, for 2020, 2021, 2022 and as at the end of May 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Occupational Therapy Waitlist 2020, 2021, 2022 and as at the end of May 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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