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

PQ 36737/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting occupational therapy in CHO6 in County Wicklow and CHO7 County Wicklow, broken down by lengths of time of 3, 6, 12+ months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

- John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (36737/23) 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 the CHO 6 and CHO 7 areas as at the end of June 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Occupational Therapy Waitlist as at the end of June 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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