

5th April, 2023

Mr. Pádraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,
 Dáil Éireann,
 Dublin 2

PQ ref 14252/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 at the latest available date; the number waiting one, two, and three years, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care Services

Please note figures reported below is for children under the age of 18 on the occupational therapy waiting list for assessment and treatment. There is no separate waiting list for treatment only, or assessment only. The Paediatric Occupational Therapy Department helps children and young people aged 0-18 years who are experiencing any difficulty in performing the daily activities expected of them. This may include any of the areas of self-care, dressing, toileting, feeding; movement and coordination such as balance skills, ball skills, hand-eye coordination; sensory processing; handwriting and planning and organising skills at home or school. Referrals are accepted from parents, guardians, teachers, or other professionals working with the child.

	CKCH
The number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 at the latest available date	3477
The number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 waiting 1 year	888
The number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 waiting 2 years	Not available
The number of children on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list in CHO4 waiting 3 years	Not available

Disability Services

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services is not in a position to provide the data in the manner requested in the above question.

Please see below table which outlines the current caseload of children and young adults. We are unable to provide a breakdown of data on those awaiting assessment as at any one time a number of children may be in receipt of some interventions but may also be waiting for assessment for other interventions and without ICT systems we are unable to provide that level of breakdown at this time.

Table 1. CKCH Children Disability Network Team (CDNT) data as at the end of February, 2023.

CDNT	Total Caseload as at 28/02/23
CDNT 1 – North Kerry	404
CDNT 2 – West Kerry	419
CDNT 3 – South Kerry	587
CDNT 4 – Northwest Cork	693
CDNT 5 – Northeast Cork	420
CDNT 6 – East Central Cork	637
CDNT 7 – East Cork City	602
CDNT 8 – Central Cork	602
CDNT 9 – North Cork City & Blarney	549
CDNT 10 – West Cork	844
CDNT 11 – South East Cork City	633
CDNT 12 – West Central Cork	780
CDNT 13 – Carrigaline, Kinsale, Bandon	781
CDNT 14 – South Cork City	483
Total	8438

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Please see table below in relation to the number of children on a waiting list for occupational therapy in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Waiting Time	Number of Children
0-12 Months	30
12-24 Months	37
24-36 Months	0

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.



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