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Deputy Cullinane
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 15946/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, for January, February, and March 2019-2023, inclusive in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention, and follow-up therapy/intervention for each specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (15946/23) 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. 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. Over the two year period (2021 -2022), however, the total number of patients waiting more than 52 weeks (all ages) has reduced by 15%. Over the same period the total number of patients aged under 18 waiting more than 52 weeks has reduced by 36%. The greatest reductions in percentage terms are in OT, SLT, Physio and Audiology.

Please find the attached appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists in each CHO area, as at the end of January, February and March 2019 to 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – CHO Waitlists as at January, February & March 2019

Appendix 2 – CHO Waitlists as at January & February 2020

Appendix 3 – CHO Waitlists as at January, February & March 2021

Appendix 4 – CHO Waitlists as at January, February & March 2022, January & February 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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