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Deputy Cullinane  
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**PQ 20892/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of quarter 1 2019-2023, inclusive in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the number 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 (20892/23) 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. In January to March 2023 a total of 353,670 therapy patients were seen which is an increase of 13.3% on the same period in 2022. 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.

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

Appendix 1 – CHO Waitlists as at the end of Quarter 1 2019

Appendix 2 – CHO Waitlists as at the end of Quarter 1 2020

Appendix 3 – CHO Waitlists as at the end of Quarter 1 2021

Appendix 4 – CHO Waitlists as at the end of Quarter 1 2022 and end of Quarter 1 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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