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

PQ 26493/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people waiting for each community care service within HSE community services, by each CHO area and each county, including waiting times, in tabular form.

-Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (26493/23) 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 appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Primary Care Therapies Waitlist list in each CHO area, as at the end of April 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Therapies Waitlists as at the end of April 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt

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