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Deputy Moynihan,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 39445/23 To ask the Minister for Health if he would detail in tabular form for each LHO area as of 1 September 2023 or latest date available the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4, 4-12 and the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 years and above.**

**- Michael Moynihan**

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Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (39445/23) 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 192,514 patients seen by HSE Speech and Language Therapy 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 Speech & Language Therapy Waiting Initial Therapy waiting list in each LHO area, as at the end of July 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – LHO Speech & Language Therapy Waiting Initial Therapy Waitlist as at the end of July 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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