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Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1st September 2023 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting over 52 weeks.- Michael Moynihan

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Having liaised with the National Counselling Service, I am advised of the following. The number of people waiting for Counselling in Primary Care (CIPC) are presented in the table below for each CHO and LHO area. These are the latest figures available as at 31st July 2023.

The total number of clients waiting nationally was 4,345, **55%** of whom were **waiting less than 3 months** for an appointment. 104 people were waiting by choice.

The number of clients waiting is in the context of an **18% increase in referrals to CIPC** on the same period in 2022 (Between Jan and July 2023 there were 11,010 referrals to CIPC, for the same period in 2022 there were just 9346 referrals).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Mc Cusker
General Manager
National Mental Health Services



CHO	LHO	Waiting < 1 mth	>1 < 3 mths	>3 < 6 mths	> 6 mths	Total Waiting
National Total		776	1593	1446	530	4345
CHO 1 Total		77.0	167.0	168.0	128.0	540.0
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	21	39	59	47	
CHO 1	Donegal	55	105	55	7	
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	1	23	115	74	
CHO 2 Total		32	52	32	86	202
CHO 2	Galway	16	31	15	62	
CHO 2	Mayo	12	13	6	16	
CHO 2	Roscommon	4	7	2	7	
CHO 3 Total		59	110	94	47	310
CHO 3	Clare	10	29	27	14	
CHO 3	Limerick	30	61	38	27	
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	19	20	29	6	
CHO 4 Total		122	224	109	20	475
CHO 4	Kerry	23	44	9	2	
CHO 4	North Cork	17	38	19	2	
CHO 4	North Lee	47	64	47	6	
CHO 4	South Lee	24	64	26	8	
CHO 4	West Cork	11	14	8	2	
CHO 5 Total		83	240	254	64	641
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	21	58	72	23	
CHO 5	South Tipperary	13	42	39	9	
CHO 5	Waterford	29	71	72	9	
CHO 5	Wexford	20	69	72	23	
CHO 6 Total		58	98	25	0	181
CHO 6	Dublin South East	13	33	16		
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	18	30	8		
CHO 6	Wicklow	27	35	6		
CHO 7 Total		145	54	267	76	542
CHO 7	Dublin South City	11	5	30	17	
CHO 7	Dublin South West	19	22	85	5	
CHO 7	Dublin West	28	2	39	15	
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	47	25	123	39	
CHO 8 Total		117	364	272	78	831
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	41	129	37	11	
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	27	88	74	44	
CHO 8	Louth	20	73	79	2	
CHO 8	Meath	29	74	78	21	
CHO 9 Total		123	284	266	31	704
CHO 9	Dublin North	61	125	112	28	
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	37	91	76	1	
CHO 9	Dublin North West	25	68	77	2	