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**PQ 41310/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form**

**- Roisin Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (41314/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2023, there were 187,158 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language services. Primary Care Access and Integration is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients. This includes monitoring the waiting list on an on-going basis in the context of available resources.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Speech and Language Therapy waiting list for each CHO area, as at the end of August 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waitlist by CHO as at the end of August 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

**Seán McArt**

General Manager  
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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - August 2024							
CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	861	683	542	457	323	224	3,090
CHO2	530	210	29	0	0	0	769
CHO3	657	652	440	280	25	0	2,054
CHO4	1,222	512	158	6	0	0	1,898
CHO5	434	352	321	304	99	0	1,510
CHO6	529	416	250	43	0	0	1,238
CHO7	954	901	840	687	119	1	3,502
CHO8	1,558	1,290	931	665	161	91	4,696
CHO9	867	817	686	625	295	86	3,376
Total	7,612	5,833	4,197	3,067	1,022	402	22,133

Note: August data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (CHO 5) and Waterford (CHO 5)

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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2024							
CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	30	26	9	0	1	5	71
CHO2	475	217	135	65	3	0	895
CHO3	117	79	57	83	9	1	346
CHO4	645	496	340	265	162	0	1,908
CHO5	184	102	102	116	23	7	534
CHO6	92	54	34	3	0	0	183
CHO7	252	145	101	89	12	7	606
CHO8	86	60	110	270	47	84	657
CHO9	629	485	304	512	290	10	2,230
Total	2,510	1,664	1,192	1,403	547	114	7,430

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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 2024							
CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	397	198	88	26	3	1	713
CHO2	679	168	97	46	4	0	994
CHO3	403	284	243	164	65	0	1,159
CHO4	1,002	722	545	326	111	1	2,707
CHO5	47	209	264	74	48	19	661
CHO6	77	63	37	6	0	0	183
CHO7	387	320	300	274	36	3	1,320
CHO8	166	37	4	10	2	72	291
CHO9	673	467	438	648	460	28	2,714
Total	3,831	2,468	2,016	1,574	729	124	10,742

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