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PQ 19844/25 To ask the Minister for Health what the average waiting time to access occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychology is in each county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- Jennifer Whitmore

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (19844/25) 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 2024, there were over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE Primary Care Therapy services. Each Health Region is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients in the context of resources available.

Please find the attached appendices, which contains, in tabular form, details of the HSE Primary Care Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Psychology waiting list for each LHO area, for March 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Occupational Therapy Waiting List March 2025

Appendix 2 – Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List March 2025

Appendix 3 – Primary Care Psychology Waiting List March 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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General Manager

Primary Care Access & Integration

Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment March 2025																						
RHA	Former LHO	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					18 - 64 Yrs 11 Months					65 Yrs+					TOTAL
		0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	8	4	0	0	0	27	32	1	0	0	24	16	20	19	171	142	122	127	121	1010	1,844
	Dublin South West	35	25	26	18	25	61	47	63	44	132	52	28	23	13	8	208	143	82	98	39	1,170
	Dublin West	49	23	25	24	38	89	113	78	85	633	39	42	40	27	206	147	112	134	92	949	2,945
	Kildare West Wicklow	41	27	16	23	41	125	119	86	107	686	48	48	26	16	16	332	221	163	102	97	2,340
	Laois Offaly	3	7	7	19	60	24	38	21	49	598	59	21	30	27	113	246	146	139	89	434	2,130
	Longford Westmeath	43	56	44	31	49	111	122	87	142	321	63	29	10	12	5	331	190	31	3	0	1,680
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	179	142	118	115	213	437	471	336	427	2,370	285	184	149	114	519	1,406	934	676	505	2,529	12,109
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	118	128	59	36	91	186	173	117	154	1068	74	61	54	49	112	283	334	305	318	687	4,407
	Dublin North Central	5	15	10	14	93	38	14	19	26	290	42	36	24	15	29	222	185	204	150	234	1,665
	Dublin North West	46	57	61	48	132	150	215	159	217	1290	54	56	54	35	83	214	225	234	219	328	3,877
	Louth	21	22	14	14	92	63	56	38	60	908	24	18	23	16	61	188	136	143	99	209	2,205
	Meath	24	36	33	37	181	68	119	81	130	908	52	51	40	24	80	316	244	241	175	215	3,055
	HSE Dublin & North East	214	258	177	149	589	505	577	414	587	4,464	246	222	195	139	365	1,223	1,124	1,127	961	1,673	15,209
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	2	1	0	0	0	15	35	0	0	0	26	1	0	1	0	205	100	78	43	50	557
	Dun Laoghaire	6	8	5	4	0	21	38	21	12	4	21	12	9	14	29	234	154	126	131	327	1,176
	South Tipperary	20	12	11	10	10	94	81	27	44	100	28	16	10	2	12	127	95	71	80	108	958
	Waterford	40	22	26	11	11	127	118	62	83	173	32	29	10	1	1	236	149	52	19	6	1,208
	Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	38	22	29	10	23	81	55	40	61	107	29	20	6	0	0	168	139	33	7	0	868
	HSE Dublin & South East	106	65	71	35	44	338	327	150	200	384	136	78	35	18	42	970	637	360	280	491	4,767
HSE Mid-West	Clare	9	3	5	3	1	46	37	43	29	15	29	26	22	15	2	224	150	140	112	7	918
	Limerick	22	12	9	8	6	100	57	37	68	268	71	67	23	14	2	268	92	52	13	1	1,190
	North Tipperary East Limerick	13	8	7	4	2	43	37	36	46	85	32	17	10	11	3	210	137	87	65	40	893
	HSE Mid-West	44	23	21	15	9	189	131	116	143	368	132	110	55	40	7	702	379	279	190	48	3,001
HSE South West	Kerry	35	21	12	2	3	117	111	83	130	179	42	31	26	20	9	244	163	164	146	91	1,629
	North Cork	24	10	24	22	12	79	48	78	85	265	11	5	0	0	0	112	20	0	1	0	796
	North Lee	103	90	40	59	38	203	217	152	217	252	46	22	6	5	4	163	17	6	1	0	1,641
	South Lee	70	87	50	48	24	193	262	142	201	385	38	26	15	10	4	343	268	91	53	8	2,318
	West Cork	11	19	6	10	8	56	66	42	59	102	21	18	15	3	0	90	78	80	20	5	709
	HSE South West	243	227	132	141	85	648	704	497	692	1,183	158	102	62	38	17	952	546	341	221	104	7,093
HSE West & North West	Donegal	0	1	3	3	0	2	7	33	20	18	33	22	19	17	58	207	129	123	123	304	1,122
	Galway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mayo	7	25	9	8	25	17	40	29	34	184	26	17	18	9	32	163	92	83	78	241	1,137
	Roscommon	12	12	13	5	10	42	52	49	50	93	13	24	12	9	29	148	111	68	70	162	984
	Sligo Leitrim	5	4	5	0	0	24	16	12	15	15	44	9	10	8	7	208	86	56	26	21	571
	HSE West & North West	24	42	30	16	35	85	115	123	119	310	116	72	59	43	126	726	418	330	297	728	3,814
National Total		810	757	549	471	975	2,202	2,325	1,636	2,168	9,079	1,073	768	555	392	1,076	5,979	4,038	3,113	2,454	5,573	45,993

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Cavan Monaghan, Galway, Carlow Kilkenny and Wexford

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - March 2025								
RHA	Former LHO	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
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	59	47	5	0	0	0	111
	Dublin South West	93	144	148	210	49	18	662
	Dublin West	167	132	154	265	72	0	790
	Kildare West Wicklow	454	443	400	421	118	29	1,865
	Laois Offaly	319	588	141	175	36	23	1,282
	Longford Westmeath	497	319	259	152	28	5	1,260
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	1589	1673	1107	1223	303	75	5,970
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	361	473	286	328	157	11	1,616
	Dublin North Central	127	131	56	39	40	0	393
	Dublin North West	195	273	299	476	348	253	1,844
	Louth	304	274	280	346	129	22	1,355
	Meath	329	292	238	226	168	70	1,323
	HSE Dublin & North East	1316	1443	1159	1415	842	356	6,531
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	175	109	115	50	1	0	450
	Dun Laoghaire	122	133	92	11	19	0	377
	South Tipperary	292	89	24	20	0	0	425
	Waterford	184	149	133	102	5	9	582
	Wexford	357	311	280	336	122	24	1,430
	Wicklow	139	143	95	39	0	0	416
	HSE Dublin & South East	1269	934	739	558	147	33	3,680
HSE Mid-West	Clare	176	197	140	21	0	0	534
	Limerick	230	146	182	280	116	13	967
	North Tipperary East Limerick	259	187	218	71	4	0	739
	HSE Mid-West	665	530	540	372	120	13	2,240
HSE South West	Kerry	156	0	0	0	0	0	156
	North Cork	204	201	122	22	4	0	553
	North Lee	291	281	151	26	0	0	749
	South Lee	336	4	0	0	0	0	340
	West Cork	87	2	0	0	0	0	89
	HSE South West	1074	488	273	48	4	0	1,887
HSE West & North West	Donegal	201	138	10	0	0	0	349
	Galway	456	243	71	1	0	0	771
	Mayo	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
	Roscommon	64	0	0	0	0	0	64
	Sligo Leitrim	286	195	137	116	0	0	734
	HSE West & North West	1,018	576	218	117	0	0	1,929
National Total		6,931	5,644	4,036	3,733	1,416	477	22,237

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Cavan Monaghan and Carlow Kilkenny

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - March 2025								
RHA	Former LHO	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
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	32	30	40	25	13	17	157
	Dublin South West	39	39	32	18	2	3	133
	Dublin West	24	15	40	15	5	0	99
	Kildare West Wicklow	72	19	2	0	5	0	98
	Laois Offaly	0	2	21	90	120	61	294
	Longford Westmeath	61	42	0	0	0	0	103
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	228	147	135	148	145	81	884
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	237	235	190	271	190	113	1,236
	Dublin North Central	159	125	78	67	79	48	556
	Dublin North West	78	117	147	99	96	65	602
	Louth	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	491	477	415	437	365	226	2,411
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Dun Laoghaire	69	45	26	8	2	0	150
	South Tipperary	79	56	44	41	36	0	256
	Waterford	3	19	14	20	7	0	63
	Wexford	60	64	58	45	26	7	260
	Wicklow	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	HSE Dublin & South East	213	186	143	114	71	7	734
HSE Mid-West	Clare	81	35	50	36	39	4	245
	Limerick	20	19	19	16	4	1	79
	North Tipperary East Limerick	34	25	6	8	0	0	73
	HSE Mid-West	135	79	75	60	43	5	397
HSE South West	Kerry	134	36	0	0	0	0	170
	North Cork	27	82	76	103	57	1	346
	North Lee	91	105	115	171	156	0	638
	South Lee	191	227	122	23	0	0	563
	West Cork	52	38	7	0	0	0	97
	HSE South West	495	488	320	297	213	1	1,814
HSE West & North West	Donegal	192	21	17	1	0	0	231
	Galway	188	80	74	17	0	1	360
	Mayo	149	94	63	0	0	0	306
	Roscommon	108	69	41	57	8	3	286
	Sligo Leitrim	24	4	0	3	0	0	31
	HSE West & North West	661	268	195	78	8	4	1,214
National Total		2,223	1,645	1,283	1,134	845	324	7,454

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Cavan Monaghan and Carlow Kilkenny

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - March 2025								
RHA	Former LHO	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
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	59	130	76	67	44	21	397
	Dublin South West	117	141	180	192	52	10	692
	Dublin West	51	93	116	75	18	0	353
	Kildare West Wicklow	100	17	7	4	7	3	138
	Laois Offaly	13	1	16	1	1	0	32
	Longford Westmeath	96	41	0	0	0	0	137
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	436	423	395	339	122	34	1,749
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	300	274	261	348	274	143	1,600
	Dublin North Central	80	86	56	86	73	25	406
	Dublin North West	63	102	116	130	156	117	684
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
	HSE Dublin & North East	449	462	433	564	503	285	2,696
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	21	1	0	0	0	0	22
	Dun Laoghaire	64	66	37	15	1	0	183
	South Tipperary	0	91	136	0	0	0	227
	Waterford	0	0	3	0	3	1	7
	Wexford	50	95	97	101	23	20	386
	Wicklow	12	16	7	0	0	0	35
	HSE Dublin & South East	147	269	280	116	27	21	860
HSE Mid-West	Clare	127	84	70	45	22	10	358
	Limerick	141	102	146	90	23	17	519
	North Tipperary East Limerick	132	55	18	18	20	1	244
	HSE Mid-West	400	241	234	153	65	28	1,121
HSE South West	Kerry	452	251	74	6	0	0	783
	North Cork	41	38	82	97	36	3	297
	North Lee	264	225	188	259	193	0	1,129
	South Lee	254	258	181	48	0	0	741
	West Cork	90	54	18	0	0	0	162
	HSE South West	1101	826	543	410	229	3	3,112
HSE West & North West	Donegal	101	23	5	14	0	0	143
	Galway	380	288	80	53	4	3	808
	Mayo	262	122	50	2	0	0	436
	Roscommon	14	3	13	0	0	0	30
	Sligo Leitrim	174	167	80	36	10	0	467
	HSE West & North West	931	603	228	105	14	3	1,884
National Total		3,464	2,824	2,113	1,687	960	374	11,422

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Cavan Monaghan and Carlow Kilkenny

Psychology - Number of Patients waiting for treatment March 2025																						
RHA	Former LHO	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					18 - 64 Yrs 11 Months					65 Yrs+					TOTAL
		0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	2	7	8	7	17	10	31	25	31	355	23	27	9	8	38	0	2	0	1	5	606
	Dublin South West	14	18	19	14	38	58	43	57	52	652	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	965
	Dublin West	4	11	8	15	40	24	37	49	60	761	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1,015
	Kildare West Wicklow	19	31	20	14	29	101	136	121	107	590	38	49	41	24	222	3	2	4	3	14	1,568
	Laois Offaly	16	13	13	9	0	75	68	42	23	9	17	33	11	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	340
	Longford Westmeath	12	21	15	14	34	37	103	218	146	262	56	90	107	96	125	2	2	2	3	4	1,349
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	67	101	83	73	158	305	418	512	419	2,629	134	199	168	136	393	6	6	6	7	23	5,843
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	10	2	4	6	20	84	41	43	66	446	51	44	29	37	257	4	2	3	4	17	1,170
	Dublin North	155	126	101	62	190	270	227	124	118	587	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,968
	Dublin North Central	40	53	27	24	101	81	101	61	68	521	31	45	30	51	286	3	3	4	3	57	1,590
	Dublin North West	70	80	49	33	54	242	201	186	176	479	82	68	55	56	153	15	6	3	2	21	2,031
	Louth	24	24	10	0	0	132	155	38	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	409
	Meath	15	18	18	14	10	108	143	108	105	287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	826
	HSE Dublin & North East	314	303	209	139	375	917	868	560	559	2,320	171	157	114	144	696	23	11	10	9	95	7,994
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow, Kilkenny	13	6	2	3	5	81	48	45	63	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	347
	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	24	13	11	6	9	53	64	36	31	98	33	23	14	2	14	5	6	1	1	3	447
	South Tipperary	21	20	6	9	13	67	63	52	51	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	437
	Waterford	2	26	18	13	28	49	216	161	184	366	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,063
	Wexford	17	14	8	12	14	79	94	129	110	356	36	43	26	2	3	3	2	2	0	0	950
	Wicklow	13	6	10	0	1	74	48	33	28	14	55	21	16	12	20	3	0	2	1	1	358
	HSE Dublin & South East	90	85	55	43	70	403	533	456	467	1,050	124	87	56	16	37	11	8	5	2	4	3,602
HSE Mid-West	Clare	11	19	9	3	3	65	71	61	45	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	383
	Limerick	18	12	12	9	20	109	69	60	58	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	526
	North Tipperary East Limerick	5	2	6	2	3	35	13	23	41	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209
	HSE Mid-West	34	33	27	14	26	209	153	144	144	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,118
HSE South West	Kerry	10	10	17	10	18	58	55	105	111	571	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	965
	North Cork	17	17	25	10	17	63	73	58	78	446	12	7	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	832
	North Lee	24	34	33	28	84	108	127	117	168	1348	9	6	2	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	2,097
	South Lee	31	33	24	33	77	95	143	132	145	1462	9	4	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2,198
	West Cork	6	11	4	12	9	37	26	35	42	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	488
	HSE South West	88	105	103	93	205	361	424	447	544	4,133	30	17	16	6	0	6	2	0	0	0	6,580
HSE West & North West	Donegal	6	21	25	17	25	32	104	97	115	737	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,179
	Galway	32	27	28	21	67	90	75	77	67	496	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	980
	Mayo	6	9	11	2	12	40	47	41	32	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313
	Roscommon	1	2	3	2	5	6	14	18	18	49	3	7	4	3	10	1	0	0	0	1	147
	Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE West & North West	45	59	67	42	109	168	240	233	232	1,395	3	7	4	3	10	1	0	0	0	1	2,619
National Total		638	686	544	404	943	2,363	2,636	2,352	2,365	11,861	462	467	358	305	1,136	47	27	21	18	123	27,756

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Donegal and Dublin South East