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

PQ 20194/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for paediatric ophthalmology services nationwide.

- Conor McGuinness

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (20194/25) which you submitted to the Minister Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2024, there were 108,641 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Ophthalmology 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 appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Children's Primary Care Ophthalmology waiting list for each health region as of March 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 –Children's Primary Care Ophthalmology Therapy Waiting List March 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt

General Manager
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Ophthalmology - No of Patients waiting for treatment - March 2025

RHA	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					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	
HSE Dublin & Midlands	259	233	40	36	11	360	133	53	32	9	1,166
HSE Dublin & North East	317	111	75	62	32	590	126	29	17	18	1,377
HSE Dublin & South East	275	130	322	165	1,234	416	292	191	88	194	3,307
HSE Mid-West	49	69	51	37	99	123	375	108	273	473	1,657
HSE South West	280	238	97	42	76	283	229	64	89	756	2,154
HSE West & North West	444	257	91	45	50	639	241	63	71	148	2,049
National Total	1,624	1,038	676	387	1,502	2,411	1,396	508	570	1,598	11,710