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Deputy Rice,  
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**PQ 3316/25 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**

**- Pádraig Rice**

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Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (3316/25) 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 2024, there were 171,317 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy 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 of December 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List by CHO as of December 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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**Seán McArt**

General Manager  
Primary Care Access & Integration

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - December 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	926	705	521	575	328	295	3,350
CHO2	565	273	32	0	0	0	870
CHO3	685	552	563	352	112	0	2,264
CHO4	1,105	459	195	11	0	0	1,770
CHO5	511	369	422	349	153	8	1,812
CHO6	479	395	228	61	0	0	1,163
CHO7	867	805	771	733	235	12	3,423
CHO8	1,556	1,423	877	857	264	111	5,088
CHO9	853	850	756	820	440	164	3,883
Total	7,547	5,831	4,365	3,758	1,532	590	23,623

Note: December data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (CHO5) and South Tipperary (CHO5)

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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - December 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	132	51	32	6	1	0	222
CHO2	369	226	98	62	13	0	768
CHO3	75	118	55	66	10	3	327
CHO4	556	496	362	348	185	6	1,953
CHO5	90	113	65	98	24	3	393
CHO6	100	56	25	8	0	0	189
CHO7	209	178	105	93	24	1	610
CHO8	53	47	45	178	53	71	447
CHO9	413	522	404	409	446	57	2,251
Total	1,997	1,807	1,191	1,268	756	141	7,160

**Note:** December data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (CHO5) and South Tipperary (CHO5), Louth (CHO8), Meath (CHO8)

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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - December 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	415	147	78	37	11	0	688
CHO2	650	234	89	50	4	0	1,027
CHO3	436	291	221	159	65	12	1,184
CHO4	1,135	812	556	374	207	0	3,084
CHO5	65	77	91	88	52	33	406
CHO6	108	73	36	13	0	0	230
CHO7	502	298	257	305	106	1	1,469
CHO8	134	18	16	1	1	0	170
CHO9	546	614	404	678	487	127	2,856
Total	3,991	2,564	1,748	1,705	933	173	11,114

Note: December data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (CHO5) and South Tipperry (CHO5), Dublin South East (CHO6), Louth (CHO8), Meath (CHO8)

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