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Deputy Rice,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 3317/25 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form

- Pádraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (3317/25) 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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General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	477	483	410	507	296	295	2,468
CHO2	496	264	32	0	0	0	792
CHO3	501	546	557	351	112	0	2,067
CHO4	944	429	193	11	0	0	1,577
CHO5	428	326	370	321	136	8	1,589
CHO6	344	309	204	47	0	0	904
CHO7	689	696	719	733	235	11	3,083
CHO8	860	1,010	662	641	171	83	3,427
CHO9	584	606	641	700	354	142	3,027
Total	5,323	4,669	3,788	3,311	1,304	539	18,934

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

Please note data provided is preliminary until formally agreed and published on the HSE website

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	99	41	26	4	1	0	171
CHO2	359	226	98	62	13	0	758
CHO3	71	114	55	66	10	3	319
CHO4	499	476	348	342	185	6	1,856
CHO5	90	113	65	98	24	3	393
CHO6	92	56	25	8	0	0	181
CHO7	200	178	105	93	24	0	600
CHO8	46	45	45	178	53	71	438
CHO9	404	493	395	380	443	54	2,169
Total	1,860	1,742	1,162	1,231	753	137	6,885

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Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	277	122	76	37	11	0	523
CHO2	566	223	86	38	4	0	917
CHO3	401	283	220	159	65	12	1,140
CHO4	995	778	539	371	207	0	2,890
CHO5	65	77	91	85	13	8	339
CHO6	104	73	36	13	0	0	226
CHO7	498	292	256	305	106	0	1,457
CHO8	110	18	16	1	1	0	146
CHO9	447	508	374	661	476	118	2,584
Total	3,463	2,374	1,694	1,670	883	138	10,222

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