



**Oifig an Stiúrthoir Cúnta,  
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Deputy Rice,  
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**PQ 3321/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for Ophthalmology 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 (3321/25) 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 108,641 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Ophthalmology 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 Ophthalmology waiting list for each CHO area, as of December 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Ophthalmology Waiting List by CHO as of December 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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**Seán McArt**  
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Ophthalmology - Number of Patients waiting for treatment December 2024																					
CHO Area	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	
CHO1 Total	55	37	13	3	5	69	19	8	7	1	63	16	2	3	6	57	19	5	1	6	395
CHO2 Total	222	193	75	37	5	264	84	53	30	10	128	86	11	1	2	251	184	58	7	3	1,704
CHO3 Total	114	104	78	48	121	194	163	307	102	586	2	2	1	1	0	11	14	1	6	0	1,855
CHO4 Total	300	139	95	74	123	412	103	109	86	722	50	38	23	24	638	40	43	37	30	559	3,645
CHO5 Total	231	336	190	219	1,072	240	234	112	75	169	13	83	28	36	117	32	114	35	67	204	3,607
CHO6 Total	129	54	10	1	0	225	40	20	2	1	44	15	10	2	23	65	30	24	42	42	779
CHO7 Total	267	218	69	26	13	252	115	43	43	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,050
CHO8 Total	154	116	53	36	5	193	46	29	10	19	13	1	0	1	29	22	2	1	7	40	777
CHO9 Total	47	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
National Total	1,519	1,197	583	444	1,344	1,937	804	681	355	1,512	313	241	75	68	815	478	406	161	160	854	13,947

Note: December data not returned for Cavan Monaghan (CHO1) and Donegal (CHO1)

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