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Dáil Éireann,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 8733/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children, by county, waiting for psychology, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy; and the corresponding waiting time in weeks, in tabular form.

- Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (8733/25) 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 Children's Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy waiting list for each LHO area, for March 2025 which is the latest data available at this time

Appendix 1 – Children's Psychology Waiting List March 2025

Appendix 2 - Children's Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List March 2025

Appendix 3 - Children's Occupational Therapy Waiting List March 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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General Manager

Primary Care Access & Integration

Psychology - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old Patients waiting for treatment March 2025												
RHA	Former LHO	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	Dublin South City	2	7	8	7	17	10	31	25	31	355	493
	Dublin South West	14	18	19	14	38	58	43	57	52	652	965
	Dublin West	4	11	8	15	40	24	37	49	60	761	1,009
	Kildare West Wicklow	19	31	20	14	29	101	136	121	107	590	1,168
	Laois Offaly	16	13	13	9	0	75	68	42	23	9	268
	Longford Westmeath	12	21	15	14	34	37	103	218	146	262	862
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	67	101	83	73	158	305	418	512	419	2,629	4,765
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	10	2	4	6	20	84	41	43	66	446	722
	Dublin North	155	126	101	62	190	270	227	124	118	587	1,960
	Dublin North Central	40	53	27	24	101	81	101	61	68	521	1,077
	Dublin North West	70	80	49	33	54	242	201	186	176	479	1,570
	Louth	24	24	10	0	0	132	155	38	26	0	409
	Meath	15	18	18	14	10	108	143	108	105	287	826
	HSE Dublin & North East	314	303	209	139	375	917	868	560	559	2,320	6,564
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow, Kilkenny	13	6	2	3	5	81	48	45	63	81	347
	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	24	13	11	6	9	53	64	36	31	98	345
	South Tipperary	21	20	6	9	13	67	63	52	51	135	437
	Waterford	2	26	18	13	28	49	216	161	184	366	1,063
	Wexford	17	14	8	12	14	79	94	129	110	356	833
	Wicklow	13	6	10	0	1	74	48	33	28	14	227
	HSE Dublin & South East	90	85	55	43	70	403	533	456	467	1,050	3,252
HSE Mid-West	Clare	11	19	9	3	3	65	71	61	45	96	383
	Limerick	18	12	12	9	20	109	69	60	58	159	526
	North Tipperary East Limerick	5	2	6	2	3	35	13	23	41	79	209
	HSE Mid-West	34	33	27	14	26	209	153	144	144	334	1,118
HSE South West	Kerry	10	10	17	10	18	58	55	105	111	571	965
	North Cork	17	17	25	10	17	63	73	58	78	446	804
	North Lee	24	34	33	28	84	108	127	117	168	1348	2,071
	South Lee	31	33	24	33	77	95	143	132	145	1462	2,175
	West Cork	6	11	4	12	9	37	26	35	42	306	488
	HSE South West	88	105	103	93	205	361	424	447	544	4,133	6,503
HSE West & North West	Donegal	6	21	25	17	25	32	104	97	115	737	1,179
	Galway	32	27	28	21	67	90	75	77	67	496	980
	Mayo	6	9	11	2	12	40	47	41	32	113	313
	Roscommon	1	2	3	2	5	6	14	18	18	49	118
	Sligo Leitrim	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	2,590
National Total		638	686	544	404	943	2,363	2,636	2,352	2,365	11,861	24,792

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

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	54	47	5	0	0	0	106
	Dublin South West	93	144	148	210	49	18	662
	Dublin West	140	132	154	265	72	0	763
	Kildare West Wicklow	394	352	372	421	118	29	1,686
	Laois Offaly	219	532	91	153	0	0	995
	Longford Westmeath	300	207	217	121	0	0	845
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	1200	1414	987	1170	239	47	5,057
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	250	348	248	317	157	11	1,331
	Dublin North Central	84	91	33	4	0	0	212
	Dublin North West	111	219	253	414	299	214	1,510
	Louth	223	199	206	324	128	22	1,102
	Meath	128	134	121	144	131	169	827
	HSE Dublin & North East	796	991	861	1203	715	416	4,982
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	98	88	98	24	0	0	308
	Dun Laoghaire	50	88	54	2	0	0	194
	South Tipperary	186	88	23	20	0	0	317
	Waterford	165	149	133	102	5	9	563
	Wexford	267	273	256	295	104	16	1,211
	Wicklow	105	138	95	39	0	0	377
	HSE Dublin & South East	871	824	659	482	109	25	2,970
HSE Mid-West	Clare	150	197	140	21	0	0	508
	Limerick	136	130	180	280	116	13	855
	North Tipperary East Limerick	192	173	216	68	4	0	653
	HSE Mid-West	478	500	536	369	120	13	2,016
HSE South West	Kerry	120	0	0	0	0	0	120
	North Cork	146	156	107	9	0	0	418
	North Lee	256	258	151	26	0	0	691
	South Lee	303	4	0	0	0	0	307
	West Cork	75	2	0	0	0	0	77
	HSE South West	900	420	258	35	0	0	1,613
HSE West & North West	Donegal	161	75	10	0	0	0	246
	Galway	390	242	71	1	0	0	704
	Mayo	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Roscommon	47	0	0	0	0	0	47
	Sligo Leitrim	205	143	115	113	0	0	576
	HSE West & North West	807	460	196	114	0	0	1,577
National Total		5,052	4,609	3,497	3,373	1,183	501	18,215

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

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	22	29	39	25	13	17	145
	Dublin South West	39	39	32	18	2	3	133
	Dublin West	24	15	40	15	5	0	99
	Kildare West Wicklow	70	12	2	0	5	0	89
	Laois Offaly	2	1	17	19	89	40	168
	Longford Westmeath	49	41	0	0	0	0	90
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	206	137	130	77	114	60	724
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	230	235	184	271	190	113	1,223
	Dublin North Central	124	82	57	44	69	42	418
	Dublin North West	66	110	141	89	96	63	565
	Louth	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	437	427	382	404	355	218	2,223
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	66	45	26	8	2	0	147
	South Tipperary	77	56	44	40	36	0	253
	Waterford	3	19	14	20	7	0	63
	Wexford	60	64	58	45	26	5	258
	Wicklow	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	HSE Dublin & South East	206	185	143	113	71	5	723
HSE Mid-West	Clare	79	35	50	36	39	4	243
	Limerick	18	18	18	16	4	1	75
	North Tipperary East Limerick	34	25	6	8	0	0	73
	HSE Mid-West	131	78	74	60	43	5	391
HSE South West	Kerry	109	36	0	0	0	0	145
	North Cork	27	76	75	98	57	1	334
	North Lee	83	102	113	164	156	0	618
	South Lee	183	181	115	21	0	0	500
	West Cork	51	38	7	0	0	0	96
	HSE South West	453	433	310	283	213	1	1,693
HSE West & North West	Donegal	192	21	17	1	0	0	231
	Galway	172	80	74	17	0	1	344
	Mayo	149	94	63	0	0	0	306
	Roscommon	108	69	41	57	8	3	286
	Sligo Leitrim	19	4	0	1	0	0	24
	HSE West & North West	640	268	195	76	8	4	1,191
National Total		2,073	1,528	1,234	1,013	804	293	6,945

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

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old 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	57	130	76	67	44	21	395
	Dublin South West	117	141	180	192	52	10	692
	Dublin West	49	93	116	75	18	0	351
	Kildare West Wicklow	100	17	7	4	7	3	138
	Laois Offaly	6	1	16	1	1	0	25
	Longford Westmeath	87	40	0	0	0	0	127
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	416	422	395	339	122	34	1,728
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	241	272	255	343	272	137	1,520
	Dublin North Central	79	79	55	86	71	24	394
	Dublin North West	62	101	116	130	155	116	680
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	382	452	426	559	498	277	2,594
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	21	0	0	0	0	0	21
	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	7	373
	Wicklow	12	16	7	0	0	0	35
	HSE Dublin & South East	147	268	280	116	27	8	846
HSE Mid-West	Clare	127	83	70	45	22	10	357
	Limerick	125	101	139	90	23	17	495
	North Tipperary East Limerick	104	55	18	18	20	1	216
	HSE Mid-West	356	239	227	153	65	28	1,068
HSE South West	Kerry	348	231	70	6	0	0	655
	North Cork	38	38	79	97	36	3	291
	North Lee	199	210	184	259	193	0	1,045
	South Lee	250	255	179	47	0	0	731
	West Cork	86	50	18	0	0	0	154
	HSE South West	921	784	530	409	229	3	2,876
HSE West & North West	Donegal	63	21	0	0	0	0	84
	Galway	310	286	80	53	4	3	736
	Mayo	262	122	50	2	0	0	436
	Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sligo Leitrim	149	122	61	27	10	0	369
	HSE West & North West	784	551	191	82	14	3	1,625
National Total		3,006	2,716	2,049	1,658	955	353	10,737

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

Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment March 2025												
RHA	Former LHO	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	Dublin South City	8	4	0	0	0	27	32	1	0	0	72
	Dublin South West	35	25	26	18	25	61	47	63	44	132	476
	Dublin West	49	23	25	24	38	89	113	78	85	633	1,157
	Kildare West Wicklow	41	27	16	23	41	125	119	86	107	686	1,271
	Laois Offaly	3	7	7	19	60	24	38	21	49	598	826
	Longford Westmeath	43	56	44	31	49	111	122	87	142	321	1,006
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	179	142	118	115	213	437	471	336	427	2,370	4,808
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	118	128	59	36	91	186	173	117	154	1068	2,130
	Dublin North Central	5	15	10	14	93	38	14	19	26	290	524
	Dublin North West	46	57	61	48	132	150	215	159	217	1290	2,375
	Louth	21	22	14	14	92	63	56	38	60	908	1,288
	Meath	24	36	33	37	181	68	119	81	130	908	1,617
	HSE Dublin & North East	214	258	177	149	589	505	577	414	587	4,464	7,934
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	2	1	0	0	0	15	35	0	0	0	53
	Dun Laoghaire	6	8	5	4	0	21	38	21	12	4	119
	South Tipperary	20	12	11	10	10	94	81	27	44	100	409
	Waterford	40	22	26	11	11	127	118	62	83	173	673
	Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	38	22	29	10	23	81	55	40	61	107	466
	HSE Dublin & South East	106	65	71	35	44	338	327	150	200	384	1,720
HSE Mid-West	Clare	9	3	5	3	1	46	37	43	29	15	191
	Limerick	22	12	9	8	6	100	57	37	68	268	587
	North Tipperary East Limerick	13	8	7	4	2	43	37	36	46	85	281
	HSE Mid-West	44	23	21	15	9	189	131	116	143	368	1,059
HSE South West	Kerry	35	21	12	2	3	117	111	83	130	179	693
	North Cork	24	10	24	22	12	79	48	78	85	265	647
	North Lee	103	90	40	59	38	203	217	152	217	252	1,371
	South Lee	70	87	50	48	24	193	262	142	201	385	1,462
	West Cork	11	19	6	10	8	56	66	42	59	102	379
	HSE South West	243	227	132	141	85	648	704	497	692	1,183	4,552
HSE West & North West	Donegal	0	1	3	3	0	2	7	33	20	18	87
	Galway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mayo	7	25	9	8	25	17	40	29	34	184	378
	Roscommon	12	12	13	5	10	42	52	49	50	93	338
	Sligo Leitrim	5	4	5	0	0	24	16	12	15	15	96
	HSE West & North West	24	42	30	16	35	85	115	123	119	310	899
National Total		810	757	549	471	975	2,202	2,325	1,636	2,168	9,079	20,972

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