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Deputy Hearne,  
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**PQ 39282/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a routine audiology/hearing appointment, by regional health area and integrated healthcare area; the average waiting time for a routine audiology/hearing appointment by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 39283/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an urgent audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area; the average waiting time for a urgent audiology/hearing appointment by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 39284/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting longer than three, six, nine or twelve months for a routine audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area and by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

**PQ 39285/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting longer than three, six, nine or twelve months for an urgent audiology/hearing appointment by regional health area and integrated healthcare area and by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Rory Hearne**

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Dear Deputy Hearne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions (39282/25 39283/25 39284/25 39285/25) 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 56,256 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Audiology 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.

The HSE Primary Care national waiting list data is collated on a monthly basis. Due to the current data systems this does not provide average or urgent waiting times for Audiology services. I have, however, attached the below appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the HSE Primary Care Audiology waiting list for each region as of May 2025 which is the latest data available at this time. Audiologists working in acute setting work as part of the integrated Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) team and therefore there is not a separate waiting list nationally for hospital audiology services.



## Appendix 1 – Primary Care Audiology Waiting List by LHO May 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Audiology - No of Patients waiting for treatment - May 2025																						
RHA	Former LHO	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	
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	107	75	76	84	329	215	223	132	159	1450	95	104	91	64	205	211	202	193	176	439	4,630
	Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Laois Offaly	29	20	22	17	53	40	56	37	51	250	32	21	23	14	39	51	55	42	30	128	1,010
	Longford Westmeath	49	33	35	33	104	33	53	45	49	347	33	28	32	20	59	73	56	65	50	139	1,336
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	185	128	133	134	486	288	332	214	259	2,047	160	153	146	98	303	335	313	300	256	706	6,976
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	17	29	31	14	2	51	38	22	49	24	13	18	18	2	0	74	52	38	1	1	494
	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North Central	157	138	129	87	531	216	170	181	202	1310	102	85	83	75	156	288	202	235	219	277	4,843
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Louth	24	20	10	18	60	54	45	22	17	43	14	18	11	0	0	31	33	51	2	1	474
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	198	187	170	119	593	321	253	225	268	1,377	129	121	112	77	156	393	287	324	222	279	5,811
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny	96	26	12	5	0	52	33	21	1	0	6	1	0	0	0	21	3	1	0	2	280
	Dublin South East	26	22	24	40	117	85	87	51	74	450	45	14	26	22	48	76	80	74	55	163	1,579
	South Tipperary	42	45	21	22	7	20	30	16	4	1	14	19	11	2	0	70	50	44	5	2	425
	Waterford	51	35	28	28	18	34	29	18	3	3	27	32	17	8	0	67	69	45	16	0	528
	Wexford	67	37	26	14	0	52	38	5	4	0	43	22	19	14	8	103	47	26	31	9	565
	HSE Dublin & South East	282	165	111	109	142	243	217	111	86	454	135	88	73	46	56	337	249	190	107	176	3,377
HSE Mid-West	Clare	27	8	8	4	19	42	25	11	29	65	20	14	11	15	97	78	51	22	37	263	846
	Limerick	44	27	31	11	33	46	34	15	9	35	45	31	32	24	95	112	75	70	82	241	1,092
	North Tipperary East Limerick	8	9	4	5	9	15	11	10	16	41	7	5	12	11	84	40	28	38	25	199	577
	HSE Mid-West	79	44	43	20	61	103	70	36	54	141	72	50	55	50	276	230	154	130	144	703	2,515
HSE South West	Kerry	51	20	32	12	3	53	32	21	58	81	38	39	19	25	75	91	60	57	65	283	1,115
	North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	South Lee	211	132	138	116	139	215	148	69	55	87	93	66	55	40	149	276	166	134	122	409	2,820
	West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE South West	262	152	170	128	142	268	180	90	113	168	131	105	74	65	224	367	226	191	187	692	3,935
HSE West & North West	Donegal	46	23	34	21	66	73	81	57	78	318	54	29	37	41	19	175	111	140	99	32	1,534
	Galway	73	57	42	29	34	90	61	64	74	118	53	35	36	22	129	187	114	98	77	138	1,531
	Mayo	31	24	15	13	10	52	52	32	25	43	29	25	21	11	76	130	85	90	28	104	896
	Roscommon	19	24	8	3	9	21	27	9	10	51	18	16	10	14	117	33	31	46	37	309	812
	Sligo, Leitrim	41	31	28	18	20	56	32	36	29	24	33	30	28	20	61	94	76	100	62	216	1,035
	HSE West & North West	210	159	127	84	139	292	253	198	216	554	187	135	132	108	402	619	417	474	303	799	5,808
National Total		1,216	835	754	594	1,563	1,515	1,305	874	996	4,741	814	652	592	444	1,417	2,281	1,646	1,609	1,219	3,355	28,422