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Deputy Daly,
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PQ 40048/25 To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category, the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, for each local health area, as of 1 July 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form.

-Pa Daly

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (40048/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality 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. 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 appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy for those waiting initial therapy for each LHO area as of May 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List May 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt

General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - May 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	89	28	36	37	10	1	201
	Dublin South West	27	18	4	0	0	0	49
	Dublin West	28	22	53	19	3	0	125
	Kildare West Wicklow	43	7	3	0	1	0	54
	Laois Offaly	5	1	22	91	45	58	222
	Longford Westmeath	59	35	1	0	0	0	95
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	251	111	119	147	59	59	746
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	35	15	0	0	0	0	50
	Dublin North	229	178	165	287	197	95	1,151
	Dublin North Central	116	92	44	54	57	43	406
	Dublin North West	76	81	114	150	85	95	601
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	456	366	323	491	339	233	2,208
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
	Dun Laoghaire	52	55	24	12	4	0	147
	Tipperary South	103	45	35	23	15	0	221
	Waterford	5	5	7	20	5	0	42
	Wexford	56	48	90	43	18	6	261
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & South East	219	154	156	98	42	6	675
HSE Mid-West	Clare	41	52	56	40	28	2	219
	Limerick	19	25	24	15	2	2	87
	North Tipperary East Limerick	58	21	13	1	1	0	94
	HSE Mid-West	118	98	93	56	31	4	400
HSE South West	Kerry	132	38	2	0	0	0	172
	North Cork	41	58	67	93	44	4	307
	North Lee	106	125	117	210	184	0	742
	South Lee	203	159	112	27	0	0	501
	West Cork	55	27	17	0	0	0	99
	HSE South West	537	407	315	330	228	4	1,821
HSE West & North West	Donegal	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
	Galway	135	108	70	18	0	1	332
	Mayo	168	86	33	0	0	0	287
	Roscommon	97	41	34	25	25	1	223
	Sligo Leitrim	24	2	0	2	0	0	28
	HSE West & North West	435	237	137	45	25	2	881
National Total		2,016	1,373	1,143	1,167	724	308	6,731

Note: May data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny