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Deputy Daly,
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PQ 40049/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than four 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 (40049/25) 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 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 assessment 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 Assessment - 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	141	41	22	1	0	0	205
	Dublin South West	144	94	130	181	41	12	602
	Dublin West	201	139	136	262	72	0	810
	Kildare West Wicklow	412	454	416	486	147	20	1,935
	Laois Offaly	296	317	200	431	111	36	1,391
	Longford Westmeath	491	401	249	170	20	2	1,333
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	1685	1446	1153	1531	391	70	6,276
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	305	254	299	451	264	206	1,779
	Dublin North	506	462	340	334	186	16	1,844
	Dublin North Central	171	154	100	71	41	17	554
	Dublin North West	245	272	287	506	373	302	1,985
	Louth	324	269	256	364	159	41	1,413
	Meath	394	367	271	296	262	127	1,717
	HSE Dublin & North East	1945	1778	1553	2022	1285	709	9,292
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	187	99	105	44	2	0	437
	Dun Laoghaire	139	135	74	30	14	5	397
	Tipperary South	259	93	26	15	0	0	393
	Waterford	201	151	150	117	34	7	660
	Wexford	430	299	311	328	165	27	1,560
	Wicklow	205	156	65	37	0	0	463
	HSE Dublin & South East	1421	933	731	571	215	39	3,910
HSE Mid-West	Clare	177	186	156	72	1	0	592
	Limerick	222	192	130	305	104	17	970
	North Tipperary East Limerick	282	204	161	99	15	7	768
	HSE Mid-West	681	582	447	476	120	24	2,330
HSE South West	Kerry	224	0	0	0	0	0	224
	North Cork	264	219	200	37	3	0	723
	North Lee	323	283	157	32	0	0	795
	South Lee	396	4	0	0	0	0	400
	West Cork	101	0	0	0	0	0	101
	HSE South West	1308	506	357	69	3	0	2,243
HSE West & North West	Donegal	238	96	9	0	0	0	343
	Galway	445	229	73	3	0	0	750
	Mayo	138	0	0	0	0	0	138
	Roscommon	162	0	0	0	0	0	162
	Sligo Leitrim	275	202	104	121	6	0	708
	HSE West & North West	1,258	527	186	124	6	0	2,101
National Total		8,298	5,772	4,427	4,793	2,020	842	26,152

Note: May data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny