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Deputy Tóibín, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 41098/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for eye treatment in each county; and the average waiting length, per county.

- Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (41098/25) which you submitted to the Minister 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. 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 Children's Primary Care Ophthalmology waiting list for each LHO area as of June 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Ophthalmology Waiting for Children as of June 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt

General Manager Primary Care Access & Integration

|                            | Ophthalmology - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old Patients waiting for treatment June 2025 |                |                                          |                             |                       |            |                |                           |                             |                       |            |        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|
|                            | Former LHO                                                                                    |                | 0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months 5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months |                             |                       |            |                |                           |                             |                       |            |        |
| RHA                        |                                                                                               | 0 - ≤ 12 weeks | >12 weeks - ≤<br>26 weeks                | >26 weeks but ≤<br>39 weeks | >39 weeks but ≤<br>52 | > 52 weeks | 0 - ≤ 12 weeks | >12 weeks - ≤<br>26 weeks | >26 weeks but ≤<br>39 weeks | >39 weeks but ≤<br>52 | > 52 weeks | TOTAL  |
| HSE Dublin &<br>Midlands   | <b>Dublin South City</b>                                                                      | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | Dublin South West                                                                             | 75             | 146                                      | 20                          | 10                    | 13         | 198            | 265                       | 13                          | 16                    | 3          | 759    |
|                            | Kildare West Wicklow                                                                          | 114            | 117                                      | 36                          | 6                     | 9          | 121            | 47                        | 17                          | 3                     | 5          | 475    |
|                            | Laois Offaly                                                                                  | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | Longford Westmeath                                                                            | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | HSE Dublin & Midlands                                                                         | 189            | 263                                      | 56                          | 16                    | 22         | 319            | 312                       | 30                          | 19                    | 8          | 1,234  |
| HSE Dublin &<br>North East | Cavan Monaghan                                                                                | 77             | 72                                       | 59                          | 18                    | 32         | 159            | 84                        | 33                          | 8                     | 27         | 569    |
|                            | Dublin North                                                                                  | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | Dublin North Central                                                                          | 43             | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 95             | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 138    |
|                            | Dublin North West                                                                             | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | Louth                                                                                         | 42             | 7                                        | 4                           | 5                     | 4          | 132            | 93                        | 6                           | 7                     | 6          | 306    |
|                            | Meath                                                                                         | 62             | 50                                       | 3                           | 4                     | 4          | 109            | 14                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 246    |
|                            | HSE Dublin & North East                                                                       | 224            | 129                                      | 66                          | 27                    | 40         | 495            | 191                       | 39                          | 15                    | 33         | 1,259  |
| HSE Dublin &<br>South East | Dublin South East                                                                             | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | Carlow, Kilkenny                                                                              | 73             | 44                                       | 15                          | 1                     | 1          | 67             | 58                        | 19                          | 0                     | 0          | 278    |
|                            | South Tipperary                                                                               | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 228                   | 1221       | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 126                   | 208        | 1,783  |
|                            | Waterford                                                                                     | 99             | 94                                       | 42                          | 28                    | 0          | 78             | 67                        | 55                          | 27                    | 60         | 550    |
|                            | Wexford                                                                                       | 61             | 4                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 97             | 24                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 186    |
|                            | Wicklow                                                                                       | 45             | 79                                       | 19                          | 11                    | 4          | 46             | 176                       | 45                          | 18                    | 17         | 460    |
|                            | HSE Dublin & South East                                                                       | 278            | 221                                      | 76                          | 268                   | 1,226      | 288            | 325                       | 119                         | 171                   | 285        | 3,257  |
| HSE Mid-West               | Clare                                                                                         | 13             | 23                                       | 26                          | 28                    | 74         | 22             | 84                        | 22                          | 64                    | 238        | 594    |
|                            | Limerick                                                                                      | 36             | 27                                       | 31                          | 12                    | 45         | 132            | 53                        | 93                          | 26                    | 241        | 696    |
|                            | North Tipperary East Limerick                                                                 | 24             | 7                                        | 4                           | 2                     | 4          | 140            | 34                        | 30                          | 25                    | 72         | 342    |
|                            | HSE Mid-West                                                                                  | 73             | 57                                       | 61                          | 42                    | 123        | 294            | 171                       | 145                         | 115                   | 551        | 1,632  |
| HSE South West             | Kerry                                                                                         | 26             | 9                                        | 20                          | 8                     | 39         | 93             | 83                        | 56                          | 26                    | 758        | 1,118  |
|                            | North Cork                                                                                    | 39             | 90                                       | 9                           | 4                     | 1          | 35             | 23                        | 4                           | 2                     | 4          | 211    |
|                            | North Lee                                                                                     | 205            | 120                                      | 89                          | 27                    | 26         | 271            | 59                        | 48                          | 16                    | 17         | 878    |
|                            | South Lee                                                                                     | 0              | 0                                        | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0              | 0                         | 0                           | 0                     | 0          | 0      |
|                            | West Cork                                                                                     | 28             | 22                                       | 8                           | 3                     | 1          | 27             | 31                        | 9                           | 1                     | 3          | 133    |
|                            | HSE South West                                                                                | 298            | 241                                      | 126                         | 42                    | 67         | 426            | 196                       | 117                         | 45                    | 782        | 2,340  |
| HSE West &<br>North West   | Donegal                                                                                       | 96             | 64                                       | 37                          | 2                     | 29         | 191            | 147                       | 70                          | 20                    | 116        | 772    |
|                            | Galway                                                                                        | 109            | 122                                      | 29                          | 8                     | 0          | 82             | 82                        | 11                          | 3                     | 2          | 448    |
|                            | Mayo                                                                                          | 53             | 35                                       | 17                          | 4                     | 7          | 102            | 50                        | 17                          | 4                     | 3          | 292    |
|                            | Roscommon                                                                                     | 78             | 40                                       | 17                          | 17                    | 1          | 118            | 34                        | 7                           | 4                     | 1          | 317    |
|                            | Sligo Leitrim                                                                                 | 47             | 14                                       | 17                          | 4                     | 5          | 80             | 31                        | 9                           | 6                     | 5          | 218    |
|                            | HSE West & North West                                                                         | 383            | 275                                      | 117                         | 35                    | 42         | 573            | 344                       | 114                         | 37                    | 127        | 2,047  |
| National Total             |                                                                                               | 1,445          | 1,186                                    | 502                         | 430                   | 1,520      | 2,395          | 1,539                     | 564                         | 402                   | 1,786      | 11,769 |