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Deputy Rice,
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PQ 42621/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for referrals for speech and language therapy services, by regional health area and integrated healthcare area, in tabular form.

PQ 42643/25 To ask the Minister for Children Disability and Equality the number of children on waiting list for Speech and Language therapy by health region an integrated healthcare area; age category and waiting time in tabular form

- Padraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions (42621/25 and 42643/25) 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 each LHO area as of June 2025 which is the latest data available at this time. Nationally, average wait times for referrals to community Speech and Language Therapy services, regardless of urgency, are not recorded. Instead, waiting list data is collated using defined time intervals, ranging from 0–12 weeks to over 52 weeks.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy List June 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



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General Manager

Primary Care Access & Integration

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - June 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	60	81	83	97	37	8	366
	Dublin South West	81	123	106	129	34	1	474
	Dublin West	57	46	140	66	9	0	318
	Kildare West Wicklow	127	30	20	7	0	0	184
	Laois Offaly	1	0	19	1	1	0	22
	Longford Westmeath	131	25	1	0	0	0	157
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	457	305	369	300	81	9	1,521
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	120	36	11	8	0	1	176
	Dublin North	280	257	311	378	301	221	1,748
	Dublin North Central	67	72	69	71	72	52	403
	Dublin North West	84	67	101	138	134	191	715
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	551	432	492	595	507	465	3,042
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	16	4	0	0	0	0	20
	Dun Laoghaire	66	72	38	11	5	0	192
	South Tipperary	0	100	150	0	0	0	250
	Waterford	0	0	0	2	4	0	6
	Wexford	55	84	100	109	31	38	417
	Wicklow	20	5	5	5	0	0	35
	HSE Dublin & South East	157	265	293	127	40	38	920
HSE Mid-West	Clare	144	96	44	77	14	3	378
	Limerick	108	125	100	117	35	12	497
	North Tipperary East Limerick	106	53	18	18	4	0	199
	HSE Mid-West	358	274	162	212	53	15	1,074
HSE South West	Kerry	527	256	95	2	0	0	880
	North Cork	36	41	46	105	66	6	300
	North Lee	164	198	201	308	222	0	1,093
	South Lee	272	261	174	46	0	0	753
	West Cork	87	54	15	0	0	0	156
	HSE South West	1086	810	531	461	288	6	3,182
HSE West & North West	Donegal	369	13	7	0	0	0	389
	Galway	456	167	96	50	14	0	783
	Mayo	238	90	93	4	0	0	425
	Roscommon	116	7	5	0	0	0	128
	Sligo Leitrim	194	104	68	44	5	0	415
	HSE West & North West	1,373	381	269	98	19	0	2,140
National Total		3,982	2,467	2,116	1,793	988	533	11,879

Note: June data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (HSE Dublin & South East)

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - June 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	117	21	6	2	0	0	146
	Dublin South West	126	110	130	196	70	0	632
	Dublin West	154	165	132	264	39	0	754
	Kildare West Wicklow	396	415	449	458	176	10	1,904
	Laois Offaly	248	317	235	363	190	45	1,398
	Longford Westmeath	466	392	258	196	27	0	1,339
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	1507	1420	1210	1479	502	55	6,173
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	359	250	289	412	279	206	1,795
	Dublin North	519	436	365	380	191	20	1,911
	Dublin North Central	207	130	108	81	39	21	586
	Dublin North West	231	233	298	506	369	310	1,947
	Louth	319	281	239	367	182	68	1,456
	Meath	421	327	299	292	253	160	1,752
	HSE Dublin & North East	2056	1657	1598	2038	1313	785	9,447
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	168	121	98	52	13	0	452
	Dun Laoghaire	121	129	79	41	23	1	394
	Tipperary South	265	94	36	11	0	0	406
	Waterford	181	162	167	137	43	7	697
	Wexford	391	332	321	319	114	14	1,491
	Wicklow	207	165	57	37	0	0	466
	HSE Dublin & South East	1333	1003	758	597	193	22	3,906
HSE Mid-West	Clare	177	185	155	82	0	0	599
	Limerick	257	187	139	289	105	11	988
	North Tipperary East Limerick	269	202	146	108	2	0	727
	HSE Mid-West	703	574	440	479	107	11	2,314
HSE South West	Kerry	232	1	0	0	0	0	233
	North Cork	253	233	134	33	3	0	656
	North Lee	369	283	153	71	0	0	876
	South Lee	329	8	0	0	0	0	337
	West Cork	112	2	0	0	0	0	114
	HSE South West	1295	527	287	104	3	0	2,216
HSE West & North West	Donegal	254	72	8	0	0	0	334
	Galway	476	240	89	12	0	0	817
	Mayo	55	0	0	0	0	0	55
	Roscommon	107	0	0	0	0	0	107
	Sligo Leitrim	270	175	107	119	13	0	684
	HSE West & North West	1,162	487	204	131	13	0	1,997
National Total		8,056	5,668	4,497	4,828	2,131	873	26,053

Note: June data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (HSE Dublin & South East)

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - June 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	66	25	33	40	12	2	178
	Dublin South West	34	23	15	5	0	0	77
	Dublin West	29	27	51	19	0	0	126
	Kildare West Wicklow	61	6	3	0	1	0	71
	Laois Offaly	8	1	19	32	98	59	217
	Longford Westmeath	59	42	1	0	0	0	102
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	257	124	122	96	111	61	771
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	39	6	0	0	0	0	45
	Dublin North	222	183	185	278	167	132	1,167
	Dublin North Central	129	86	37	54	49	45	400
	Dublin North West	86	80	115	160	71	107	619
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	HSE Dublin & North East	478	355	337	492	287	284	2,233
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Dun Laoghaire	59	55	27	10	2	0	153
	Tipperary South	97	55	33	17	15	0	217
	Waterford	3	4	6	10	2	0	25
	Wexford	80	51	74	49	12	8	274
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & South East	240	166	140	86	31	8	671
HSE Mid-West	Clare	20	86	42	49	23	3	223
	Limerick	27	28	21	15	1	2	94
	North Tipperary East Limerick	64	16	13	2	0	0	95
	HSE Mid-West	111	130	76	66	24	5	412
HSE South West	Kerry	196	81	8	0	0	0	285
	North Cork	47	42	79	95	36	4	303
	North Lee	112	137	92	190	190	0	721
	South Lee	214	171	106	36	0	0	527
	West Cork	49	20	12	0	0	0	81
	HSE South West	618	451	297	321	226	4	1,917
HSE West & North West	Donegal	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Galway	137	107	68	24	0	1	337
	Mayo	136	82	36	11	0	0	265
	Roscommon	150	42	37	23	23	0	275
	Sligo Leitrim	16	2	0	1	1	0	20
	HSE West & North West	448	233	141	59	24	1	906
National Total		2,152	1,459	1,113	1,120	703	363	6,910

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