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Deputy Rice,
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PQ 42708/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for urgent referrals for occupational therapy services, by regional health area and integrated healthcare area, in tabular form

- Pádraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (42708/25) 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 346,999 patients seen by HSE Occupational 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 Occupational Therapy waiting list for each LHO area as of June 2025 which is the latest data available at this time. Nationally average wait times for urgent referrals for community occupational therapy services are not collected rather the data is collated in a number of time increments from 0-12 weeks to >52 weeks.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Occupational Therapy Waiting List June 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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General Manager

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Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment June 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	22	13	3	3	1	56	33	14	19	0	30	41	29	38	172	173	175	150	169	887	2,028
	Dublin South West	20	25	18	8	30	85	91	51	46	155	55	14	3	5	12	208	101	40	22	95	1,084
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	32	40	21	13	45	95	157	115	88	783	59	36	37	21	24	286	293	176	102	153	2,576
	Laois Offaly	3	8	9	10	66	15	42	47	39	623	38	42	17	27	125	240	176	117	125	484	2,253
	Longford Westmeath	49	48	54	38	67	96	133	122	93	364	53	26	8	3	3	394	196	42	12	0	1,801
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	126	134	105	72	209	347	456	349	285	1,925	235	159	94	94	336	1,301	941	525	430	1,619	9,742
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	13	28	14	17	47	37	60	60	51	555	44	11	0	0	0	181	33	0	0	0	1,151
	Dublin North	90	115	105	53	109	227	174	197	127	1259	61	77	51	40	143	327	328	294	241	895	4,913
	Dublin North Central	9	7	16	9	82	32	37	16	21	327	61	37	24	21	36	221	238	144	169	305	1,812
	Dublin North West	21	47	41	33	135	107	219	191	109	1418	55	54	55	42	62	191	254	210	209	280	3,733
	Louth	19	20	19	14	88	53	66	57	40	958	38	19	14	15	62	191	148	88	108	243	2,260
	Meath	21	32	35	28	207	84	105	131	91	982	102	46	47	37	83	349	266	205	187	225	3,263
	HSE Dublin & North East	173	249	230	154	668	540	661	652	439	5,499	361	244	191	155	386	1,460	1,267	941	914	1,948	17,132
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	2	2	0	0	0	14	16	5	0	0	18	14	2	0	1	192	156	83	78	58	641
	Dun Laoghaire	15	4	8	1	4	46	48	36	15	8	19	17	8	10	28	238	189	119	111	387	1,311
	South Tipperary	15	11	5	11	15	103	95	50	30	134	31	17	12	8	12	169	97	65	59	167	1,106
	Waterford	23	28	15	19	11	116	139	106	54	231	29	23	21	7	1	187	167	99	21	16	1,313
	Wexford	30	37	32	16	67	92	153	91	75	798	44	27	20	9	13	197	181	108	59	29	2,078
	Wicklow	30	38	19	18	9	63	73	58	52	102	38	22	12	5	1	183	148	74	33	6	984
	HSE Dublin & South East	115	120	79	65	106	434	524	346	226	1,273	179	120	75	39	56	1,166	938	548	361	663	7,433
HSE Mid-West	Clare	10	5	2	3	1	47	40	34	43	18	23	27	20	17	10	191	175	108	124	58	956
	Limerick	27	13	8	6	6	84	95	52	38	310	49	23	14	3	0	232	157	55	20	0	1,192
	North Tipperary East Limerick	20	15	7	6	3	46	41	35	36	129	35	17	11	7	7	181	165	83	41	66	951
	HSE Mid-West	57	33	17	15	10	177	176	121	117	457	107	67	45	27	17	604	497	246	185	124	3,099
HSE South West	Kerry	49	32	4	4	1	128	136	93	82	219	43	30	28	12	4	241	209	135	75	23	1,548
	North Cork	61	32	6	21	25	156	133	47	105	521	13	9	0	0	0	135	52	2	0	0	1,318
	North Lee	73	103	64	27	65	185	261	204	150	416	40	28	8	1	3	153	60	10	0	1	1,852
	South Lee	93	72	62	34	33	191	264	223	132	504	46	24	8	8	8	294	246	56	52	24	2,374
	West Cork	15	9	16	6	12	51	61	61	40	131	20	16	17	8	1	85	71	65	43	6	734
	HSE South West	291	248	152	92	136	711	855	628	509	1,791	162	107	61	29	16	908	638	268	170	54	7,826
HSE West & North West	Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Galway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mayo	9	12	16	8	16	35	41	51	29	175	14	15	16	13	12	120	90	58	41	94	865
	Roscommon	14	9	10	12	13	51	48	58	42	124	13	10	17	15	33	139	131	94	78	195	1,106
	Sligo Leitrim	6	9	4	1	0	27	43	30	32	39	26	9	6	11	7	179	73	42	75	28	647
	HSE West & North West	29	30	30	21	29	113	132	139	103	338	53	34	39	39	52	438	294	194	194	317	2,618
	National Total	791	814	613	419	1,158	2,322	2,804	2,235	1,679	11,283	1,097	731	505	383	863	5,877	4,575	2,722	2,254	4,725	47,850

Note: June data not returned for Donegal, Galway (HSE West and North West), Carlow Kilkenny (Dublin and South East), Dublin West (HSE Dublin and Midlands)