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Deputy Rice,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 42709/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for referrals for ophthalmology 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 (42709/25) 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 Primary Care Ophthalmology waiting list for each LHO area as of June 2025 which is the latest data available at this time. Nationally average wait times for referrals for community ophthalmology 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 Ophthalmology Waiting by LHO June 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Ophthalmology - No of Patients waiting for treatment - 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	75	146	20	10	13	198	265	13	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	759
	Kildare West Wicklow	114	117	36	6	9	121	47	17	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	475
	Laois Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	189	263	56	16	22	319	312	30	19	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,234
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	77	72	59	18	32	159	84	33	8	27	37	9	1	1	0	59	13	2	1	0	692
	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North Central	43	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Louth	42	7	4	5	4	132	93	6	7	6	4	0	1	0	28	7	5	0	0	50	401
	Meath	62	50	3	4	4	109	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	264
	HSE Dublin & North East	224	129	66	27	40	495	191	39	15	33	44	9	2	1	28	81	18	2	1	50	1,495
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Carlow, Kilkenny	73	44	15	1	1	67	58	19	0	0	8	3	4	4	0	24	6	5	5	5	342
	South Tipperary	0	0	0	228	1,221	0	0	0	126	208	0	0	0	79	161	0	0	0	102	270	2,395
	Waterford	99	94	42	28	0	78	67	55	27	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550
	Wexford	61	4	0	0	0	97	24	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	216
	Wicklow	45	79	19	11	4	46	176	45	18	17	13	17	9	3	9	52	26	13	15	57	674
	HSE Dublin & South East	278	221	76	268	1,226	288	325	119	171	285	32	20	13	86	170	95	32	18	122	332	4,177
HSE Mid-West	Clare	13	23	26	28	74	22	84	22	64	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	594
	Limerick	36	27	31	12	45	132	53	93	26	241	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	696
	North Tipperary East Limerick	24	7	4	2	4	140	34	30	25	72	3	3	1	0	1	7	9	7	8	5	386
	HSE Mid-West	73	57	61	42	123	294	171	145	115	551	3	3	1	0	1	7	9	7	8	5	1,676
HSE South West	Kerry	26	9	20	8	39	93	83	56	26	758	50	30	40	35	679	40	40	30	40	607	2,709
	North Cork	39	90	9	4	1	35	23	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211
	North Lee	205	120	89	27	26	271	59	48	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	878
	South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	West Cork	28	22	8	3	1	27	31	9	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133
	HSE South West	298	241	126	42	67	426	196	117	45	782	50	30	40	35	679	40	40	30	40	607	3,931
HSE West & North West	Donegal	96	64	37	2	29	191	147	70	20	116	260	285	128	131	1,130	323	294	157	159	1,012	4,651
	Galway	109	122	29	8	0	82	82	11	3	2	13	0	0	0	0	38	4	13	5	0	521
	Mayo	53	35	17	4	7	102	50	17	4	3	90	78	11	9	2	170	112	25	12	6	807
	Roscommon	78	40	17	17	1	118	34	7	4	1	36	36	25	13	0	98	32	15	11	5	588
	Sligo Leitrim	47	14	17	4	5	80	31	9	6	5	69	24	5	2	4	65	14	2	1	4	408
	HSE West & North West	383	275	117	35	42	573	344	114	37	127	468	423	169	155	1,136	694	456	212	188	1,027	6,975
National Total		1,445	1,186	502	430	1,520	2,395	1,539	564	402	1,786	597	485	225	277	2,014	917	555	269	359	2,021	19,488