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**PQ 42710/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for urgent referrals for ophthalmology services, by regional health area and integrated healthcare area, in tabular form**

**- Pádraig Rice**

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Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (42710/25) 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.

The HSE national waiting list data is collated on a monthly basis. Due to the current data systems this does not provide average waiting times for urgent Ophthalmology services. I have, however, attached the below appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the HSE Primary Care Ophthalmology waiting list for each region as of June 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

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 |