



Mari O'Donovan,  
Interim Head of Service,  
Cúram Príomhúil  
FSS an Iardheiscirt

Áras na Ceachan,  
Páirc Ghnó agus Teicneolaíochta,  
Bóthar na Modh Feirme,  
Corcaigh. T12 XHT4

Mari O'Donovan,  
Interim Head of Service,  
Primary Care  
HSE South West

Caha House,  
Business and Technology Park,  
Model Farm Road,  
Cork. T12 XHT4

[southwest.hse.ie](mailto:southwest.hse.ie)  
E: [Mari.ODonovan@hse.ie](mailto:Mari.ODonovan@hse.ie)

1st August, 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 42928/25**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on occupational therapy waiting lists in Kerry, broken down by area and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see table completed below:

No. of Adults & Children on Occupational Therapy Waiting lists in Kerry as at 30.06.2025			
Waiting Time	Community Healthcare Network 1 Kerry North	Community Healthcare Network 2 West Kerry	Community Healthcare Network 3 South Kerry
0 ≤ 12 weeks	156	150	156
12 ≤ 26 weeks	180	128	99
26 ≤ 39 weeks	126	72	62
39 ≤ 52 weeks	83	58	43
52 + weeks	133	57	57

I acknowledge that this timeframe for such a service is less than desirable, and I apologise for same. A number of factors lead wait times to longer wait times, and these include a growth in demand for services and also vacant posts (which we are recruiting to fill). Reducing waiting times is a priority for the service, and we are actively working on strategies which include resource allocation; validation of waiting lists; streamlining process and optimising existing workloads, as well as recruitment to vacant/replacement posts. All of these efforts and increased resources are directed at reducing waiting times.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

---

**Mari O'Donovan**  
Interim Head of Service - Primary Care,  
HSE South West