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Deputy Ó Muirí,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 29126/25 To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for speech and language services from primary care centres in Dublin from the date of referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

-Naoise Ó Muirí

Dear Deputy Ó Muirí,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (29126/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth 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 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

The HSE collate waiting list data by local health areas. Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy waiting list for each local health area in the Dublin Health Regions, as of March 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 –Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List March 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 Initial Assessment - March 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	59	47	5	0	0	0	111
	Dublin South West	93	144	148	210	49	18	662
	Dublin West	167	132	154	265	72	0	790
	Kildare West Wicklow	454	443	400	421	118	29	1,865
	Laois Offaly	319	588	141	175	36	23	1,282
	Longford Westmeath	497	319	259	152	28	5	1,260
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	1589	1673	1107	1223	303	75	5,970
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	361	473	286	328	157	11	1,616
	Dublin North Central	127	131	56	39	40	0	393
	Dublin North West	195	273	299	476	348	253	1,844
	Louth	304	274	280	346	129	22	1,355
	Meath	329	292	238	226	168	70	1,323
	HSE Dublin & North East	1316	1443	1159	1415	842	356	6,531
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	175	109	115	50	1	0	450
	Dun Laoghaire	122	133	92	11	19	0	377
	South Tipperary	292	89	24	20	0	0	425
	Waterford	184	149	133	102	5	9	582
	Wexford	357	311	280	336	122	24	1,430
	Wicklow	139	143	95	39	0	0	416
	HSE Dublin & South East	1269	934	739	558	147	33	3,680

Note: March 2025 data not returned for Cavan Monaghan and Carlow Kilkenny

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - March 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	32	30	40	25	13	17	157
	Dublin South West	39	39	32	18	2	3	133
	Dublin West	24	15	40	15	5	0	99
	Kildare West Wicklow	72	19	2	0	5	0	98
	Laois Offaly	0	2	21	90	120	61	294
	Longford Westmeath	61	42	0	0	0	0	103
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	228	147	135	148	145	81	884
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	237	235	190	271	190	113	1,236
	Dublin North Central	159	125	78	67	79	48	556
	Dublin North West	78	117	147	99	96	65	602
	Louth	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	491	477	415	437	365	226	2,411
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Dun Laoghaire	69	45	26	8	2	0	150
	South Tipperary	79	56	44	41	36	0	256
	Waterford	3	19	14	20	7	0	63
	Wexford	60	64	58	45	26	7	260
	Wicklow	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	HSE Dublin & South East	213	186	143	114	71	7	734

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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - March 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	59	130	76	67	44	21	397
	Dublin South West	117	141	180	192	52	10	692
	Dublin West	51	93	116	75	18	0	353
	Kildare West Wicklow	100	17	7	4	7	3	138
	Laois Offaly	13	1	16	1	1	0	32
	Longford Westmeath	96	41	0	0	0	0	137
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	436	423	395	339	122	34	1,749
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North	300	274	261	348	274	143	1,600
	Dublin North Central	80	86	56	86	73	25	406
	Dublin North West	63	102	116	130	156	117	684
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
	HSE Dublin & North East	449	462	433	564	503	285	2,696
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	21	1	0	0	0	0	22
	Dun Laoghaire	64	66	37	15	1	0	183
	South Tipperary	0	91	136	0	0	0	227
	Waterford	0	0	3	0	3	1	7
	Wexford	50	95	97	101	23	20	386
	Wicklow	12	16	7	0	0	0	35
	HSE Dublin & South East	147	269	280	116	27	21	860

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