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PQ 31991/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category, the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, for each local health area, as of 1 June 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form.

PQ 31992/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category, the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, for each local health area, as of 1 June 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form.

PQ 31993/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of people on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category, the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, for each local health area, as of 1 June 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form.

PQ 31994/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of people on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list, and within that, the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and for each category, the numbers waiting aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and aged 65 plus, for each local health area, as of 1 June 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Questions referenced above, which have been forwarded to me for direct reply. You have also clarified that you are interested in data for both the Childrens Disability Network Teams and Primary Care data.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2024, there were over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE Primary Care 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.



Children requiring interventions including health and therapy services would access services through Primary Care Teams in the Regional Healthcare Areas as well as through Children's Disability Services.

Primary Care Access and Integration has compiled and provided us with the latest available waiting list data, on services for which they collate data, for the end of May 2024 for those aged 0 to 17 years and 11 months.

Please find the attached appendices, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Primary Care Children's Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy waiting list for each Regional Health Area, as of April 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Children's Primary Care Occupational Therapy Waiting List May 2025

Appendix 2 – Children's Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Waiting List Initial Assessment May 2025

Appendix 3 – Children's Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Waiting List Initial Therapy May 2025

Appendix 4 – Children's Primary Care Speech & Language Therapy Waiting List Further Therapy May 2025

Children Disability Network Teams (CDNT).

In line with the Progressing Disability Services model, all 93 CDNTs, aligned to 96 Community Healthcare Networks (CHNs) across the country, are in place and are providing services and supports for children aged from birth to 18 years of age.

Each CDNT covers a specific geographical area and holds a waiting list for children with complex needs residing in that area.

The model of service for all CDNTs is family-centred and based on the needs of the child. This includes universal, targeted and specialised supports and interventions, as appropriate to the individual child and family. It is based on the objectives of empowering and supporting parents and others who are with the child on a daily basis to facilitate the child's developmental needs.

The CDNTs are currently providing services and supports for 44,000 children and strategies and supports for urgent cases on the waitlist where staffing resources allow.

Waiting List for the Children's Disability Services

Historically the number of children waitlisted for children's disability services provided by section 38 and section 39 providers has not been available nationally. The establishment of CDNTs in 2021 has facilitated the collection of this data. A National Information Management System for all 93 CDNTs is being rolled out and when implemented, will provide current data on waiting lists and other details for all CDNTs.

Pending full roll-out to all 93 CDNTs, manual data collection is currently in place nationally as an interim measure.

The table on the next page is the validated data for the end of May 2025 activity reports. This shows the number of children that are waiting for an initial contact with a CDNT in the 6 Regional Healthcare Areas (RHAs).



May 2025

National CDNT Interim Metrics (May2025)	HSE West and North West	HSE Midwest	HSE South West	HSE Dublin and South East	HSE Dublin Midlands	HSE Dublin and North East	Total
No. of children waiting 0-3 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	291	165	160	170	227	270	1283
No. of children waiting 4-6 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	128	133	130	145	232	258	1026
No. of children waiting 7-12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	135	266	103	283	345	284	1416
No. of children waiting over 12 months for an initial CDNT contact @ month end	324	614	212	2135	2243	2274	7802
Total no. of children on the CDNT waiting list @ month end.	878	1178	605	2733	3047	3086	11527

In addition, 1,416 children (&/or their parents) who are on the CDNT waiting list participated in one or more individual and/or group intervention appointments during May 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom McGuirk,
General Manager, Disability Services, Access & Integration

Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment May 2025											
RHA	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					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	
HSE Dublin & Midlands	177	176	118	244	242	434	538	384	555	2,549	5,417
HSE Dublin & North East	184	254	239	152	683	515	697	530	525	5,295	9,074
HSE Dublin & South East	120	123	93	71	97	437	464	323	245	1,229	3,202
HSE Mid-West	44	31	14	19	6	135	177	116	128	452	1,122
HSE South West	251	237	146	110	120	739	751	555	599	1,436	4,944
HSE West & North West	56	58	63	47	76	212	255	251	258	948	2,224
National Total	832	879	673	643	1,224	2,472	2,882	2,159	2,310	11,909	25,983

Note: May data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (HSE Dublin & South East)

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2025							
RHA	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	1,326	1,191	998	1,494	304	34	5,347
HSE Dublin & North East	1085	1148	1014	1585	982	612	6,426
HSE Dublin & South East	1000	820	646	482	178	21	3,147
HSE Mid-West	475	544	442	476	120	24	2,081
HSE South West	1098	452	334	53	0	0	1,937
HSE West & North West	1,015	444	152	121	5	0	1,737
National Total	5,999	4,599	3,586	4,211	1,589	691	20,675

Note: May data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - May 2025							
RHA	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	192	111	115	147	59	59	683
HSE Dublin & North East	445	352	316	482	330	228	2,153
HSE Dublin & South East	212	152	156	98	42	4	664
HSE Mid-West	111	97	91	56	31	4	390
HSE South West	499	395	310	325	228	4	1,761
HSE West & North West	406	237	137	43	25	2	850
National Total	1,865	1,344	1,125	1,151	715	301	6,501

Note: May data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - May 2025							
RHA	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	428	364	345	269	88	7	1,501
HSE Dublin & North East	474	373	447	526	526	322	2,668
HSE Dublin & South East	168	261	295	130	39	13	906
HSE Mid-West	350	263	158	201	81	22	1,075
HSE South West	933	749	509	415	286	5	2,897
HSE West & North West	1,281	399	220	63	19	0	1,982
National Total	3,634	2,409	1,974	1,604	1,039	369	11,029

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