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Deputy Guirke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 11395/25 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people on a public waiting list to see an occupational therapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (11395/25) 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 346,999 patients seen by HSE Occupational 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.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Primary Care Children's Occupational Therapy waiting list for each region for March 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Children's Occupational Therapy Waiting List March 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt

General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

Occupational Therapy - Number of Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment March 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	179	142	118	115	213	437	471	336	427	2,370	4,808
HSE Dublin & North East	214	258	177	149	589	505	577	414	587	4,464	7,934
HSE Dublin & South East	106	65	71	35	44	338	327	150	200	384	1,720
HSE Mid-West	44	23	21	15	9	189	131	116	143	368	1,059
HSE South West	243	227	132	141	85	648	704	497	692	1,183	4,552
HSE West & North West	24	42	30	16	35	85	115	123	119	310	899
National Total	810	757	549	471	975	2,202	2,325	1,636	2,168	9,079	20,972

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