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Deputy Joe Cooney
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Re: PQ 9183/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged under 18 years of age currently on the waiting list for an audiometry test in CHO3"

Dear Deputy Cooney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Community Audiology Service confirmed that the number of patients under 18 years of age awaiting a Hearing Assessment (Audiometry Test) across the HSE Mid-West area is 406 patients.

The age profile of this cohort of patients is as follows:

0-4 years: 238 patients
4-17 years: 168 patients

I trust the above information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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