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PQ ref 22536/25 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on occupational therapy waiting lists in County Donegal, broken down by area and by length of time, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Doherty,

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.

I have examined the matter and the table below outlines the number of people on the Occupational Therapy Service waiting list at present, and the longest wait times for those awaiting services for Integrated Healthcare Area Donegal.

| Occupational Therapy Assessment Wait Times | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Adults | Community Healthcare Network Inishowen | Community Healthcare Network East | Community Healthcare Network North | Community Healthcare Network South West | Non Community Healthcare Network | Paeds |
| Waiting for assessment - 0 ≤ 12 weeks | 53 | 64 | 67 | 55 | 2 | 1 |
| Wait Time: >12 weeks ≤ 26 weeks | 26 | 39 | 57 | 19 | 3 | 11 |
| Wait Time: >26 weeks ≤ 39 weeks | 37 | 41 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 25 |
| Wait Time: >39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks | 44 | 38 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 31 |
| Wait Time: > 52 weeks | 61 | 93 | 15 | 156 | 17 | 23 |
| Total | 221 | 275 | 158 | 254 | 26 | 91 |
| Combined Total for all areas | 1025 | | | | | |



The Occupational Therapy (OT) Service in Donegal is currently facing staffing shortages; however, recruitment efforts are under way to fill vacant positions. These efforts are expected to reduce waiting lists once completed.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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