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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
<b>Combined Total for all areas</b>	<b>1025</b>					



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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