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Deputy Donna McGettigan
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 52804/25 & PQ 53159/25:

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology services via Primary Care systems in CHO3, and if she will make a statement".

Dear Deputy McGettigan,

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.

I wish to advise that at the 30th September 2025, there were 2,433 patients (children and adults) on the treatment waiting list held by the Community Audiology Service in the HSE Mid West area. This figure can be broken down as follows:

Limerick	926
Nth. Tipperary/East Limerick	639
Clare	868
Total	<u>2,433</u>

I can assure you that I am working closely with the Community Audiology Service to address the long waiting times for patients across the Mid West region. A Waiting List Initiative commenced in early 2025 to target the long waiting times for adults to be seen by the Limerick Community Audiology Service. This initiative is ongoing but to date has resulted in 300 patients being removed from the waiting list. There are plans to commence a similar initiative for the adult service in both Clare and Nth. Tipperary.

In September 2025, a Waiting List Initiative commenced to target the long waiting times for children under 4 years of age. This work is ongoing at present and it can be anticipated it will have a positive outcome for children on the waiting list.

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

Yours sincerely,

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