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Deputy Daly,
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PQ 53965/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; and the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above for each local health area as of 1st October 2025 or latest date available, in tabular form

- Martin Daly

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions (53965/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2024, there were 171,317 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language 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 HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy for each LHO area as of August 2025 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Primary Care Speech and Language Initial Therapy List August 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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General Manager
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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2025								
RHA	Former LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	TOTAL
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	74	48	24	27	3	3	179
	Dublin South West	42	13	24	31	8	9	127
	Dublin West	22	27	19	24	0	0	92
	Kildare West Wicklow	80	8	3	2	0	0	93
	Laois Offaly	3	3	23	25	62	58	174
	Longford Westmeath	40	49	5	0	0	0	94
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	261	148	98	109	73	70	759
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	33	7	1	0	0	0	41
	Dublin North	223	207	126	240	208	186	1,190
	Dublin North Central	150	93	61	43	47	55	449
	Dublin North West	133	90	77	198	70	142	710
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	539	397	265	481	325	383	2,390
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	32	28	32	11	0	0	103
	Tipperary South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterford	1	3	4	11	2	0	21
	Wexford	99	55	52	38	4	4	252
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & South East	132	86	88	60	6	4	376
HSE Mid-West	Clare	57	43	49	65	32	9	255
	Limerick	29	21	13	16	0	0	79
	North Tipperary East Limerick	39	41	14	0	0	0	94
	HSE Mid-West	125	105	76	81	32	9	428
HSE South West	Kerry	221	69	25	0	0	0	315
	North Cork	79	55	46	78	55	11	324
	North Lee	154	128	110	168	227	0	787
	South Lee	231	195	124	33	0	0	583
	West Cork	56	32	7	0	0	0	95
	HSE South West	741	479	312	279	282	11	2,104
HSE West & North West	Donegal	72	0	0	0	0	0	72
	Galway	129	87	41	53	2	1	313
	Mayo	171	101	40	2	0	0	314
	Roscommon	127	71	28	43	27	0	296
	Sligo Leitrim	26	9	2	6	3	0	46
	HSE West & North West	525	268	111	104	32	1	1,041
National Total		2,323	1,483	950	1,114	750	478	7,098

Note: August 2025 data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (Dublin and South East), South Tipperary (HSE Dublin and South East)

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2025								
RHA	Former LHO	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	TOTAL
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City	72	48	24	27	3	3	177
	Dublin South West	42	12	24	31	8	9	126
	Dublin West	22	27	19	24	0	0	92
	Kildare West Wicklow	80	8	3	2	0	0	93
	Laois Offaly	3	3	23	25	62	58	174
	Longford Westmeath	32	45	0	0	0	0	77
	HSE Dublin & Midlands	251	143	93	109	73	70	739
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan	33	7	1	0	0	0	41
	Dublin North	215	207	125	238	206	185	1,176
	Dublin North Central	150	93	61	43	47	54	448
	Dublin North West	127	76	67	191	64	137	662
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & North East	525	383	254	472	317	376	2,327
HSE Dublin & South East	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	29	27	32	11	0	0	99
	Tipperary South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterford	1	3	4	11	2	0	21
	Wexford	99	55	52	38	4	2	250
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HSE Dublin & South East	129	85	88	60	6	2	370
HSE Mid-West	Clare	54	43	49	65	32	9	252
	Limerick	25	20	12	15	0	0	72
	North Tipperary East Limerick	39	39	12	0	0	0	90
	HSE Mid-West	118	102	73	80	32	9	414
HSE South West	Kerry	170	56	17	0	0	0	243
	North Cork	52	53	43	77	53	11	289
	North Lee	153	122	106	168	219	0	768
	South Lee	215	191	123	33	0	0	562
	West Cork	55	32	7	0	0	0	94
	HSE South West	645	454	296	278	272	11	1,956
HSE West & North West	Donegal	72	0	0	0	0	0	72
	Galway	109	80	41	53	2	1	286
	Mayo	170	101	40	2	0	0	313
	Roscommon	127	71	28	43	27	0	296
	Sligo Leitrim	16	6	2	6	1	0	31
	HSE West & North West	494	258	111	104	30	1	998
National Total		2,162	1,425	915	1,103	730	469	6,804

Note: August 2025 data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (Dublin and South East), South Tipperary (HSE Dublin and South East)