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**PQ 53966/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months for each local health area as of 1st October 2025 or latest date available; the number waiting 4-12 months, more than 12 months; and if she would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form.**

**- Martin Daly**

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Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions (53966/25) 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 Assessment List August 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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| Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - 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                  | 132         | 29                          | 6                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 167          |
|                                                                                                  | Dublin South West                  | 109         | 141                         | 92                           | 184                           | 82                             | 25         | 633          |
|                                                                                                  | Dublin West                        | 182         | 164                         | 141                          | 204                           | 30                             | 0          | 721          |
|                                                                                                  | Kildare West Wicklow               | 424         | 376                         | 311                          | 322                           | 132                            | 0          | 1,565        |
|                                                                                                  | Laois Offaly                       | 237         | 310                         | 267                          | 313                           | 325                            | 52         | 1,504        |
|                                                                                                  | Longford Westmeath                 | 489         | 366                         | 324                          | 186                           | 55                             | 1          | 1,421        |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; Midlands</b>   | <b>1573</b> | <b>1386</b>                 | <b>1141</b>                  | <b>1209</b>                   | <b>624</b>                     | <b>78</b>  | <b>6,011</b> |
| HSE Dublin & North East                                                                          | Cavan Monaghan                     | 285         | 280                         | 264                          | 366                           | 268                            | 77         | 1,540        |
|                                                                                                  | Dublin North                       | 424         | 424                         | 425                          | 370                           | 275                            | 33         | 1,951        |
|                                                                                                  | Dublin North Central               | 175         | 128                         | 88                           | 89                            | 50                             | 44         | 574          |
|                                                                                                  | Dublin North West                  | 277         | 262                         | 308                          | 456                           | 388                            | 341        | 2,032        |
|                                                                                                  | Louth                              | 259         | 305                         | 248                          | 337                           | 216                            | 69         | 1,434        |
|                                                                                                  | Meath                              | 363         | 246                         | 253                          | 277                           | 185                            | 169        | 1,493        |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; North East</b> | <b>1783</b> | <b>1645</b>                 | <b>1586</b>                  | <b>1895</b>                   | <b>1382</b>                    | <b>733</b> | <b>9,024</b> |
| HSE Dublin & South East                                                                          | Dublin South East                  | 171         | 119                         | 93                           | 51                            | 16                             | 1          | 451          |
|                                                                                                  | Dun Laoghaire                      | 143         | 121                         | 81                           | 34                            | 27                             | 0          | 406          |
|                                                                                                  | Tipperary South                    | 0           | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0            |
|                                                                                                  | Waterford                          | 155         | 173                         | 179                          | 162                           | 69                             | 8          | 746          |
|                                                                                                  | Wexford                            | 340         | 326                         | 306                          | 310                           | 83                             | 20         | 1,385        |
|                                                                                                  | Wicklow                            | 223         | 144                         | 70                           | 32                            | 0                              | 0          | 469          |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; South East</b> | <b>1032</b> | <b>883</b>                  | <b>729</b>                   | <b>589</b>                    | <b>195</b>                     | <b>29</b>  | <b>3,457</b> |
| HSE Mid-West                                                                                     | Clare                              | 180         | 174                         | 134                          | 29                            | 1                              | 0          | 518          |
|                                                                                                  | Limerick                           | 232         | 192                         | 173                          | 240                           | 125                            | 14         | 976          |
|                                                                                                  | North Tipperary East Limerick      | 227         | 198                         | 148                          | 81                            | 3                              | 1          | 658          |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE Mid-West</b>                | <b>639</b>  | <b>564</b>                  | <b>455</b>                   | <b>350</b>                    | <b>129</b>                     | <b>15</b>  | <b>2,152</b> |
| HSE South West                                                                                   | Kerry                              | 150         | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 150          |
|                                                                                                  | North Cork                         | 254         | 250                         | 188                          | 22                            | 4                              | 0          | 718          |
|                                                                                                  | North Lee                          | 214         | 265                         | 166                          | 122                           | 0                              | 0          | 767          |
|                                                                                                  | South Lee                          | 305         | 38                          | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 343          |
|                                                                                                  | West Cork                          | 109         | 9                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 118          |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE South West</b>              | <b>1032</b> | <b>562</b>                  | <b>354</b>                   | <b>144</b>                    | <b>4</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>2,096</b> |
| HSE West & North West                                                                            | Donegal                            | 217         | 61                          | 5                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 283          |
|                                                                                                  | Galway                             | 404         | 241                         | 99                           | 33                            | 1                              | 0          | 778          |
|                                                                                                  | Mayo                               | 53          | 20                          | 3                            | 2                             | 0                              | 0          | 78           |
|                                                                                                  | Roscommon                          | 66          | 15                          | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 81           |
|                                                                                                  | Sligo Leitrim                      | 244         | 205                         | 118                          | 80                            | 2                              | 0          | 649          |
|                                                                                                  | <b>HSE West &amp; North West</b>   | <b>984</b>  | <b>542</b>                  | <b>225</b>                   | <b>115</b>                    | <b>3</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,869</b> |
| National Total                                                                                   |                                    | 7,043       | 5,582                       | 4,490                        | 4,302                         | 2,337                          | 855        | 24,609       |

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 Assessment - 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                  | 81           | 29                          | 6                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 116           |
|                                                                                                                       | Dublin South West                  | 102          | 141                         | 92                           | 184                           | 82                             | 25         | 626           |
|                                                                                                                       | Dublin West                        | 148          | 164                         | 141                          | 150                           | 30                             | 0          | 633           |
|                                                                                                                       | Kildare West Wicklow               | 407          | 340                         | 240                          | 279                           | 132                            | 0          | 1,398         |
|                                                                                                                       | Laois Offaly                       | 145          | 239                         | 243                          | 303                           | 303                            | 6          | 1,239         |
|                                                                                                                       | Longford Westmeath                 | 253          | 314                         | 246                          | 149                           | 50                             | 0          | 1,012         |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; Midlands</b>   | <b>1136</b>  | <b>1227</b>                 | <b>968</b>                   | <b>1065</b>                   | <b>597</b>                     | <b>31</b>  | <b>5,024</b>  |
| HSE Dublin & North East                                                                                               | Cavan Monaghan                     | 162          | 234                         | 229                          | 314                           | 249                            | 74         | 1,262         |
|                                                                                                                       | Dublin North                       | 305          | 315                         | 349                          | 330                           | 266                            | 33         | 1,598         |
|                                                                                                                       | Dublin North Central               | 81           | 36                          | 19                           | 9                             | 0                              | 0          | 145           |
|                                                                                                                       | Dublin North West                  | 146          | 219                         | 262                          | 383                           | 332                            | 268        | 1,610         |
|                                                                                                                       | Louth                              | 151          | 211                         | 191                          | 281                           | 215                            | 69         | 1,118         |
|                                                                                                                       | Meath                              | 87           | 64                          | 103                          | 114                           | 75                             | 66         | 509           |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; North East</b> | <b>932</b>   | <b>1079</b>                 | <b>1153</b>                  | <b>1431</b>                   | <b>1137</b>                    | <b>510</b> | <b>6,242</b>  |
| HSE Dublin & South East                                                                                               | Dublin South East                  | 87           | 87                          | 71                           | 26                            | 0                              | 0          | 271           |
|                                                                                                                       | Dun Laoghaire                      | 95           | 91                          | 57                           | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 243           |
|                                                                                                                       | Tipperary South                    | 0            | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 0             |
|                                                                                                                       | Waterford                          | 135          | 173                         | 179                          | 162                           | 69                             | 8          | 726           |
|                                                                                                                       | Wexford                            | 238          | 281                         | 271                          | 279                           | 59                             | 0          | 1,128         |
|                                                                                                                       | Wicklow                            | 173          | 144                         | 70                           | 32                            | 0                              | 0          | 419           |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE Dublin &amp; South East</b> | <b>728</b>   | <b>776</b>                  | <b>648</b>                   | <b>499</b>                    | <b>128</b>                     | <b>8</b>   | <b>2,787</b>  |
| HSE Mid-West                                                                                                          | Clare                              | 153          | 174                         | 134                          | 29                            | 1                              | 0          | 491           |
|                                                                                                                       | Limerick                           | 136          | 163                         | 165                          | 240                           | 125                            | 14         | 843           |
|                                                                                                                       | North Tipperary East Limerick      | 159          | 187                         | 145                          | 81                            | 3                              | 1          | 576           |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE Mid-West</b>                | <b>448</b>   | <b>524</b>                  | <b>444</b>                   | <b>350</b>                    | <b>129</b>                     | <b>15</b>  | <b>1,910</b>  |
| HSE South West                                                                                                        | Kerry                              | 95           | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 95            |
|                                                                                                                       | North Cork                         | 213          | 221                         | 167                          | 11                            | 0                              | 0          | 612           |
|                                                                                                                       | North Lee                          | 182          | 216                         | 121                          | 101                           | 0                              | 0          | 620           |
|                                                                                                                       | South Lee                          | 275          | 38                          | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 313           |
|                                                                                                                       | West Cork                          | 83           | 9                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 92            |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE South West</b>              | <b>848</b>   | <b>484</b>                  | <b>288</b>                   | <b>112</b>                    | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,732</b>  |
| HSE West & North West                                                                                                 | Donegal                            | 252          | 30                          | 5                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 287           |
|                                                                                                                       | Galway                             | 357          | 237                         | 98                           | 33                            | 1                              | 0          | 726           |
|                                                                                                                       | Mayo                               | 22           | 0                           | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 22            |
|                                                                                                                       | Roscommon                          | 55           | 15                          | 0                            | 0                             | 0                              | 0          | 70            |
|                                                                                                                       | Sligo Leitrim                      | 139          | 108                         | 102                          | 78                            | 1                              | 0          | 428           |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>HSE West &amp; North West</b>   | <b>825</b>   | <b>390</b>                  | <b>205</b>                   | <b>111</b>                    | <b>2</b>                       | <b>0</b>   | <b>1,533</b>  |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>National Total</b>              | <b>4,917</b> | <b>4,480</b>                | <b>3,706</b>                 | <b>3,568</b>                  | <b>1,993</b>                   | <b>564</b> | <b>19,228</b> |

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