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Pat The Cope Gallagher
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients from 2021 to 2025 on waiting lists in Letterkenny University Hospital who have received care via insourcing activity; the extent to which this activity has reduced waiting lists, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pat the Cope Gallagher

Dear Deputy Gallagher

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Insourcing initiatives have had a significant impact on waiting lists in terms of the numbers waiting but more specifically on those waiting the longest, thereby reducing overall waiting times for patients to access services. Unfortunately the current pause on in-house initiatives delivered through 3rd party companies has negatively impacted on waiting lists as is demonstrated in the data below with both the overall numbers and those waiting the longest beginning to rise again.

OPD	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Pts seen @ Initiatives sessions	0	329	1173	5900	3142
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current
Total Waiting List	18,626	16,422	14,216	13,755	16,232
> 12 months	7959	5680	3139	1407	1834

IPDC	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Pts seen @ Initiatives sessions		0	226	225	0



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	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current
Total Waiting List	2587	2290	1536	1461	1864
> 12 months	1032	551	305	112	135

Endoscopy	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Pts seen @ Initiatives sessions	0	268	522	968	414
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current
Total Waiting List	2035	597	726	1008	1546
> 13 Weeks	1531	130	44	152	748

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Murphy
Hospital Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital