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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for PrEP appointments; the waiting time through the sexual health programme, by clinic, for 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Sheehan,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

While many services have waiting lists for self-referrals, they continue to accept urgent referrals who are offered an appointment to be seen within 1 month and are not included on a waiting list. The number of persons on waiting lists for PrEP appointments as of September 2025 is 809.

Waiting lists need to be interpreted with caution. Services report that when they contact individuals on their waiting list to offer them an appointment, a proportion are already engaged with a different PrEP service. In addition, some individuals who attend a service for the first time are seeking to transfer their care to a more convenient location rather than actually access PrEP for the first time.

The table below outlines the waiting times for 2024 and 2025. The waiting times are for self-referrals, most services continue to accept urgent referrals who are offered an appointment to be seen within 1 month.

Public PrEP service	Waiting time for new PrEP appointment (self-referral) December 2024	Waiting time for new PrEP appointment (self-referral) as of Sept 2025
HSE Dublin and North East		
1.	Ca. 6 months	Ca. 9 months
2.	No data	Ca. 4 months
HSE Dublin and Midlands		
3.	Ca. 6 months	Ca. 1 year

4.	Ca. 3 months	Ca. 6 months
5.	Ca. 6 months	New appointment slots released each week via online booking system
HSE Dublin and South East		
6.	Closed to new appointments (but facilitated new starts for those deemed at risk through clinical assessment)	New appointment slots available via online booking system
7.	Ca. 6 months	Ca. 3 months
HSE South West		
8.	Ca. 6 months	Ca. 2 months
HSE Midwest		
9.	Ca. 2 weeks	Currently closed to new appointments
10.	Ca. 2 weeks	Currently closed to new appointments
HSE West and North West		
11.	Ca. 2 months	Ca. 2 months
12.	Ca. 2 weeks	Ca. 2 weeks
13.	Ca. 2 months	Ca. 4-6 weeks

Ca. = circa.

Yours Sincerely,

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