



25th May 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 19306/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for the range of CHO-provided or overseen services by CHO and by speciality and service by each service waiting list, by age cohort breakdowns and the time spent on the waiting list within cohorts at the end of March 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 23341/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for the range of CHO-provided or overseen services, by CHO and by speciality and service by each service waiting list by age cohort breakdowns and time on the waiting list within cohorts at the end of April 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Please see below waiting lists broken down by care group for Q1 2022. Please note these lists are subject to validation and is therefore likely to change. See Appendices for breakdown by age cohort for those services where information is collected.

Primary Care	
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	Activity YTD
Total no. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period.	31,722
No. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	8,896
No. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	6,333

No. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	4,701
No. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	3,209
No. of occupational therapy service users on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 52 weeks	8,583

PHYSIOTHERAPY	Activity YTD
Total no. of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	59,366
No of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	22,316
No of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	11,392
No of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	7,730
No of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	5,089
No of physiotherapy patients on the assessment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 52 weeks	12,839

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY	Activity YTD
Total no. of speech and language therapy patients waiting initial assessment at end of the reporting period	18,091
No. of speech and language therapy patients on waiting lists for assessment ≤ to 52 weeks	15,810
No of speech and language Therapy patients on waiting list for assessment > 52 weeks	2,281

DIETETICS	Activity YTD
Total no. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	29,981
No. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	6,669
No. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	4,639
No. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	3,599
No. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	2,353
No. of dietetics patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 52 weeks	12,721

PODIATRY	Activity YTD
Total no. of podiatry clients (patients) on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	7,235
No. of podiatry clients (patients) on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	1,217
No. of podiatry clients (patients) on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	772
No. of podiatry clients (patients) on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	654

No. of podiatry clients (patients) on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	747
No. of podiatry patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >52 weeks	3,845

AUDIOLOGY	Activity YTD
Total no. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	17,747
No. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	4,613
No. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	3,575
No. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 26weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	2,852
No. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 39 weeks ≤ 52 weeks	1,882
No. of audiology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >52 weeks	4,825

OPHTHALMOLOGY	Activity YTD
Total no. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	20,437
No. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	4,099
No. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	2,886
No. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	1,899
No. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	2,128
No. of ophthalmology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period > 52 weeks	9,425

PSYCHOLOGY	Activity YTD
Total no. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period	12,433
No. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	2,802
No. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	2,137
No. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	1,591
No. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	1,222
No. of psychology patients on the treatment waiting list at the end of the reporting period >52 weeks	4,681

Mental Health Services	
CAMHS	Activity YTD
Total no. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period	4,137
No. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period 0 - ≤ 12 weeks	1,787
No. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period >12 weeks but ≤ 26 weeks	995
No. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period >26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	544
No. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period >39 weeks but ≤ 52 weeks	425
No. of CAMHS patients waiting list at the end of the reporting period >52 weeks	386

Additional to this, please see attached appendices which breakdown certain services by age cohort and time spent on a waiting list;

- Appendix 1 – Occupational Therapy
- Appendix 2 – Psychology
- Appendix 3 – Physiotherapy

The impact of COVID-19 in Q1 has posed significant challenges for many service areas, including all Therapy Services. In light of these challenges the HSE has had to reassess and reprioritise its operation of Community Therapy Services nationally, to ensure that the assessed needs of those clients with the highest priority are met.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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