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Deputy Shortall,  
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Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 48578/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form**

**-Roisin Shortall**

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Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (48578/23) 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 2023, there were 185,770 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy services. Primary Care Operations is focused on improving access to care in order to reduce waiting times for patients. This includes monitoring the waiting list on an on-going basis in the context of available resources.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Speech and Language Therapy waiting list in each CHO area, as at the end of February 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waitlist as at the end of February 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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