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Deputy Cullinane
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 15431/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on primary care and community healthcare waiting lists, for each care service, at the end of each year 2019-2024; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; the numbers waiting for initial assessment, initial therapy/intervention, and follow up therapy/intervention for each specialty, 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 (15431/24) 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 over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care 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 appendices, which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists in each CHO area, as at the end of December 2019 to 2023 as you have requested which is the latest data available at this time. There is no data available for end of year 2024 at this time. It is important to note that data returns were significantly impacted by Covid during 2020.

Appendix 1 – CHO Waitlists as at December 2019

Appendix 2 – CHO Waitlists as at December 2020

Appendix 3 – CHO Waitlists as at December 2021

Appendix 4 – CHO Waitlists as at December 2022 & December 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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