



May 7th, 2024

Minister Anne Rabbitte
 Constituency Office
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 County Galway

RE:PQ 18457/24
“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for a first audiologist appointment in CH02; the length of time they have been waiting to see an audiologist in CHO2, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Rabbitte

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

Below in tabular form are the number of clients and length waiting on the Audiology waitlist across CHO 2 by age group who are awaiting their first appointment with the service.

Total Clients on waitlist			Galway	Mayo	Roscommon
Paediatric <3.5yr	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	182	138	75
		13/02/2024	113	121	61
		25/04/2024	80	77	31
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	76	64	76
		13/02/2024	56	53	56
		25/04/2024	61	47	60
Paediatric >3.5yr	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	174	219	110
		13/02/2024	239	205	99
		25/04/2024	248	168	128
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	57	70	55
		13/02/2024	51	53	52
		25/04/2024	57	52	62
9 month Reviews from	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	24	20	6
		13/02/2024	23	20	9

Newborn Screening		25/04/2024	11	15	8
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	0	0	0
		13/02/2024	-2	-16	-9
		25/04/2024	0	-20	-8
Adult New	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	743	502	360
		13/02/2024	853	565	405
		25/04/2024	908	584	463
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	114	53	114
		13/02/2024	107	55	124
		25/04/2024	88	54	120
Total in each county		14/11/2023	1, 123	879	551
		13/02/2024	1,228	911	574
		25/04/2024	1,247	844	630
Total in CHW		14/11/2023	2,553 AWAITING 1ST APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY		
		13/02/2024	2,713 AWAITING 1ST APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY		
		25/04/2024	2,721 AWAITING 1ST APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY		

The Community Audiology Service also have review lists for clients with complex medical needs and children with hearing aids that need regular reviews who are prioritized.

Clients from the new lists are seen based on priority level at triage. Admin staff carry out routine Validation of waitlists for any client waiting over 45 weeks on they waitlist.

We are continually trying to increase the amount of service provided which is dependent on appropriate staffing levels and suitable additional clinical space to provide a service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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