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Deputy Smith, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2

PQ 8968/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons in Waterford waiting to be assessed for a Carer; and the timeframe for when they will be assessed.

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent representation in relation to the total number of persons in Waterford waiting to be assessed for a Carer.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position:

It is my understanding that there are currently 28 people waiting assessment for a Carer within the Waterford Public Health Nursing department. The current wait time is 2 days for high priority cases and 3 weeks for individuals with lower needs.

Patients are assessed on an individual basis to determine their individual requirements.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Anna-Marie Lanigan,

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