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Deputy Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 30782/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for Speech and Language Therapy, by CHO, age category and time waiting, in tabular form.

-Roisin Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 30782/24) 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 187,158 patients seen by HSE Speech and Language Therapy primary care services. Primary Care Access and Integration 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 attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, the Speech and Language Therapy waiting list in each CHO area, as at the end of May 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waiting List May 2024

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt
General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Assessment - May 2024

CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day - 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	631	514	355	430	295	127	2,352
CHO2	731	286	66	1	0	0	1,084
CHO3	793	716	341	260	16	0	2,126
CHO4	1,149	458	110	4	0	0	1,721
CHO5	694	423	282	353	103	1	1,856
CHO6	620	426	278	17	0	0	1,341
CHO7	1,060	924	778	659	110	6	3,537
CHO8	1,588	1,107	791	619	159	85	4,349
CHO9	865	805	582	616	282	50	3,200
Total	8,131	5,659	3,583	2,959	965	269	21,566

Note non Returns : CHO1 (Donegal), CHO4 (Carlow, Kilkenny)
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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Initial Therapy - May 2024

CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	67	19	13	2	6	0	107
CHO2	442	233	142	79	33	2	931
CHO3	82	75	86	46	10	1	300
CHO4	594	473	416	269	72	0	1,824
CHO5	190	171	186	117	26	11	701
CHO6	69	53	8	6	0	0	136
CHO7	233	123	124	97	26	5	608
CHO8	77	116	162	258	76	82	771
CHO9	637	439	461	541	201	4	2,283
Total	2,391	1,702	1,598	1,415	450	105	7,661

Note Non Returns CHO1 (Donegal), CHO5 (Carlow, Kilkenny), CHO8 (Louth, Meath)
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Speech and Language Therapy - Total Number of patients awaiting Further Therapy - May 2024							
CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	321	153	58	27	2	0	561
CHO2	662	305	163	77	8	1	1,216
CHO3	460	347	193	138	32	0	1,170
CHO4	912	576	578	267	82	0	2,415
CHO5	74	212	239	81	41	12	659
CHO6	68	68	27	13	2	0	178
CHO7	359	337	275	272	31	6	1,280
CHO8	205	29	4	2	8	65	313
CHO9	466	485	604	559	379	5	2,498
Total	3,527	2,512	2,141	1,436	585	89	10,290

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