



July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Minister Anne Rabbitte  
 Constituency Office  
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 County Galway

**RE:PQ 31289/24**  
**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for a first appointment; the length of time they have been waiting to see an audiologist in CH02, 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 CHO2 by age group who are awaiting their first appointment with the service.

There are total of 6.0WTE vacancies that remain vacant as a result of the recruitment moratorium.

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
		18/07/2024	57	63	16
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	76	64	76
		13/02/2024	56	53	56
		25/04/2024	61	47	60
		18/07/2024	26	44	31

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
		18/07/2024	233	146	119

	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	57	70	55
		13/02/2024	51	53	52
		25/04/2024	57	52	62
		18/07/2024	49	41	72
9 month Reviews from Newborn Screening	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	24	20	6
		13/02/2024	23	20	9
		25/04/2024	11	15	8
		18/07/2024	16	16	5
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	0	0	0
		13/02/2024	-2	-16	-9
		25/04/2024	0	-20	-8
		18/07/2024	0	-25	0
Adult New	Total number on waitlist	14/11/2023	743	502	360
		13/02/2024	853	565	405
		25/04/2024	908	584	463
		18/07/2024	885	573	498
	Length waiting in weeks	14/11/2023	114	53	114
		13/02/2024	107	55	124
		25/04/2024	88	54	120
		18/07/2024	113	62	139
<b>Total in each county</b>		14/11/2023	1, 123	879	551
		13/02/2024	1,228	911	574
		25/04/2024	1,247	844	630
		18/07/2024	1,191	798	638
<b>Total in CHW</b>		14/11/2023	<b>2,553 AWAITNG 1<sup>ST</sup> APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY</b>		
		13/02/2024	<b>2,713 AWAITING 1<sup>ST</sup> APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY</b>		
		25/04/2024	<b>2,721 AWAITING 1<sup>ST</sup> APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY</b>		
		18/07/2024	<b>2,627 AWAITING 1<sup>ST</sup> APPOINTMENT IN AUDIOLOGY</b>		

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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