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Deputy Kehoe,  
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**PQ 32123/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children on waiting lists for occupational therapy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Paul Kehoe**

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Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 32123/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2023, there were 350,886 seen by HSE Occupational 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 Occupational Therapy waiting list for children in each CHO area, as at the end of June 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 –Occupational Therapy Waiting List for children June 2024

I trust this is of assistance.

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**Seán McArt**  
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<b>Occupational Therapy - Number of 0-17 years &amp; 11 months old Patients Awaiting First Time Assessment June 2024</b>											
CHO Area	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO1 Total	15	15	20	28	85	73	92	109	86	448	971
CHO2 Total	18	38	24	30	66	91	131	131	159	756	1,444
CHO3 Total	32	34	23	6	6	142	198	140	69	247	897
CHO4 Total	292	248	112	62	45	673	733	481	319	822	3,787
CHO5 Total	82	69	40	29	19	275	234	149	98	713	1,708
CHO6 Total	31	43	39	19	6	89	112	85	88	38	550
CHO7 Total	109	117	87	88	75	257	325	266	260	930	2,514
CHO8 Total	114	80	78	70	173	230	311	306	234	1,401	2,997
CHO9 Total	86	98	90	94	210	281	353	248	244	1,990	3,694
National Total	779	742	513	426	685	2,111	2,489	1,915	1,557	7,345	18,562

Note: June data not returned for Donegal (CHO 1) and Carlow Kilkenny (CHO 5)

Please note data provided is preliminary until formally agreed and published on the HSE website