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Deputy Bacik, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 32646/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled occupational therapist posts in CHO6 and CHO7, respectively; and the number of persons waiting to be seen by an occupational therapist in CHO6 and CHO7, respectively.

-Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 32646/24) 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 350,886 seen by HSE Occupational Therapy primary care services. Please find attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, the Occupational Therapy waiting list for CHO 6 (Wicklow) and CHO7 (Kildare West Wicklow), as at the end of June 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

We do not hold information in relation to the number of unfilled posts in CHO areas, but detailed information on the number of HSE staff grades employed is publicly available and can be found at https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/ and also includes archived reports for previous years. For your convenience I have attached the most recent copy of this report.

Appendix 1 –Occupational Therapy Waiting List CHO 6 Wicklow and 7 Kildare West Wicklow June 2024 Appendix 2 – Health Services Employment Report June 2024

I trust this is of assistance.

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