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Deputy O'Sullivan,  
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**PQ 10559/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to detail for each local health area as of 29 February 2024 or latest date available; the number of people on the speech and language therapy initial assessment waiting list and within that the numbers waiting less than 4 months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and if he would indicate also for each category the numbers waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 and above, in tabular form.**

**- Pádraig O'Sullivan**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (10559/24) 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 185,770 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language Therapy services. Primary Care Operations 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 the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Speech and Language Therapy waiting list for those awaiting initial assessment in each LHO area, as at the end of February 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waitlist as at the end of February 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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