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

PQ 20201/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons awaiting assessment nationally; the duration of the waiting time for occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter

-Carol Nolan

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (20201/24) 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 344,932 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Occupational 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 Occupational Therapy waiting list for each CHO area, as at the end of March 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Occupational Therapy Waiting List as at the end of March 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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