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Deputy Tóibín,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 41829/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for ophthalmology appointments, by county; and the average wait time per county, in tabular form.

-Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (41829/24) 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 100,872 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Ophthalmology 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 the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Ophthalmology waiting list for children for each LHO area, as at the end of August 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Ophthalmology Waitlist for children by LHO as at the end of August 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt
General Manager
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Ophthalmology - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old Patients waiting for treatment August 2024												
CHO	Former LHO	0 - 4 Years					5 - 17 Years					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	
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	41	55	22	6	0	41	28	12	4	0	209
	Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sligo Leitrim	66	37	9	4	67	49	32	9	3	34	310
	CHO1 Total	107	92	31	10	67	90	60	21	7	34	519
CHO 2	Galway	152	109	32	11	0	87	90	29	8	3	521
	Mayo	73	34	6	4	2	58	43	14	8	14	256
	Roscommon	77	56	26	4	2	67	57	20	12	2	323
	CHO2 Total	302	199	64	19	4	212	190	63	28	19	1,100
CHO 3	Clare	21	33	24	22	56	66	104	104	72	216	718
	Limerick	32	47	16	11	54	50	158	38	40	280	726
	North Tipperary East Limerick	32	18	6	4	4	68	99	14	9	107	361
	CHO3 Total	85	98	46	37	114	184	361	156	121	603	1,805
CHO 4	Kerry	6	5	4	10	20	52	89	42	40	503	771
	North Cork	50	89	53	48	109	33	44	24	11	8	469
	North Lee	158	62	30	30	52	91	94	29	30	138	714
	South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	West Cork	25	21	9	12	30	12	7	3	6	19	144
	CHO4 Total	239	177	96	100	211	188	234	98	87	668	2,098
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	81	67	18	4	9	36	51	26	6	22	320
	South Tipperary	207	86	112	68	897	112	21	12	10	86	1,611
	Waterford	106	42	42	21	88	46	60	32	46	31	514
	Wexford	48	7	0	0	0	99	42	10	0	0	206
	CHO5 Total	442	202	172	93	994	293	174	80	62	139	2,651
CHO 6	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	50	50	22	5	1	33	68	29	0	0	258
	CHO6 Total	50	50	22	5	1	33	68	29	0	0	258
CHO 7	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	108	60	18	6	0	89	82	18	5	0	386
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	110	128	84	25	2	37	51	20	5	0	462
	CHO7 Total	218	188	102	31	2	126	133	38	10	0	848
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Louth	58	27	8	13	6	104	34	8	14	27	299
	Meath	77	68	28	0	0	67	14	1	0	0	255
	CHO8 Total	135	95	36	13	6	171	48	9	14	27	554
CHO 9	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin Nth Central	48	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	94
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CHO9 Total	48	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	94
National Total		1,626	1,101	569	308	1,399	1,343	1,268	494	329	1,490	9,927

Note: August data not returned for Donegal (CHO 1)

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