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Deputy Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 42309/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents on a waiting list for primary care speech and language therapy services by wait time, age and CHO, in tabular form

- Roisin Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (42309/24) 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 187,158 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Speech and Language 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 Speech and Language Therapy waiting list for children in each CHO area, as at the end of August 2024 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Speech and Language Therapy Waitlist for Children by CHO as at the end of August 2024

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Seán McArt
General Manager
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Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Assessment - August 2024

CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	601	589	478	390	311	224	2,593
CHO2	442	194	27	0	0	0	663
CHO3	562	650	440	280	25	0	1,957
CHO4	977	471	146	2	0	0	1,596
CHO5	317	298	288	279	98	0	1,280
CHO6	305	347	205	15	0	0	872
CHO7	775	759	735	677	119	0	3,065
CHO8	734	905	643	386	100	38	2,806
CHO9	600	715	600	545	230	79	2,769
Total	5,313	4,928	3,562	2,574	883	341	17,601

Note: August data not returned for Carlow Kilkenny (CHO 5) and Waterford (CHO 5)

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

Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Initial Therapy - August 2024

CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	22	25	9	0	1	5	62
CHO2	467	217	135	65	3	0	887
CHO3	109	79	46	83	9	1	327
CHO4	599	491	335	260	161	0	1,846
CHO5	181	102	102	116	14	7	522
CHO6	87	52	34	3	0	0	176
CHO7	238	145	101	89	11	2	586
CHO8	85	60	110	270	47	84	656
CHO9	592	464	278	497	281	5	2,117
Total	2,380	1,635	1,150	1,383	527	104	7,179

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Speech and Language Therapy - Number of 0-17 years & 11 months old patients awaiting Further Therapy - August 2024							
CHO Area	0 to 4 Mths	4 months & 1 day - 8 months	8 months & 1 day - 12 months	12 months & 1 day - 18 months	18 months & 1 day to 24 months	>24 months	Total
CHO1	366	192	87	24	2	1	672
CHO2	501	157	94	34	4	0	790
CHO3	386	275	243	164	65	0	1,133
CHO4	879	706	539	324	109	1	2,558
CHO5	47	207	261	53	13	9	590
CHO6	73	63	37	5	0	0	178
CHO7	369	313	295	272	35	3	1,287
CHO8	133	33	4	10	2	72	254
CHO9	532	432	426	644	447	27	2,508
Total	3,286	2,378	1,986	1,530	677	113	9,970

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