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Subject: Speech and Language Therapy

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the community health services for speech and language.

Q1 The total number of patients currently on the waiting list to receive speech and language therapy services.

A1 1527 as of 16/04/2024.

Q2 A breakdown of the waiting list by age groups (0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-18 years, 18+ years) for the latest calendar year 2023.

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Age Group	Total
0-5	1093
6-10	244
11-15	49
16-18	7
18+	0
Total	1393

Q3 A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:

- weeks (0-7 days)
- 1-2 weeks (8-14 days)
- 2-4 weeks (15-28 days)
- 4-12 weeks (29-84 days)
- 12-18 weeks (85-126 days)
- 18-52 weeks (127-364 days)
- Over 52 weeks (over 36 5days)

A3

Weeks Wait	Age Group					Total
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+	
0-1	1	1	0	0	0	2
1-2	81	15	1	0	0	97
2-4	142	30	10	0	0	182
4-12	363	88	16	4	0	471
12-18	156	37	3	1	0	197
18-52	350	73	19	2	0	444
Over 52	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1093	244	49	7	0	1393

Q4 Historical data on the waiting list – the total number of patients waiting for speech and language services, a breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 or the latest year for when records began.

A4 **2019:**

Weeks Wait	Age Group					Total
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+	
0-1	23	3	4	0	0	30
1-2	43	12	4	1	0	60
2-4	110	32	13	1	0	156
4-12	378	114	51	8	2	553
12-18	150	43	22	5	0	220
18-52	206	75	33	3	0	317
Over 52	0	5	5	1	0	11
Total	910	284	132	19	2	1347

2020:

Weeks Wait	Age Group					Total
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+	
0-1	27	4	1	0	0	32
1-2	54	6	2	0	1	63
2-4	123	27	6	1	0	157
4-12	470	107	15	2	4	598
12-18	136	39	6	3	0	184
18-52	161	32	8	1	0	202
Over 52	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	971	215	38	7	5	1236

2021:

Weeks Wait	Age Group					Total
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+	
0-1	5	1	0	0	0	6
1-2	20	5	1	0	0	26
2-4	49	11	0	1	0	61
4-12	193	47	10	1	0	251
12-18	101	26	5	1	0	133
18-52	621	170	38	2	0	831
Over 52	44	14	2	0	0	60
Total	1033	274	56	5	0	1368

2022:

Weeks Wait	Age Group					Total
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-18	18+	
0-1	23	4	1	0	0	28
1-2	26	8	1	0	0	35
2-4	99	24	9	2	0	134
4-12	335	76	17	4	0	432
12-18	115	27	5	1	1	149

18-52	588	135	25	1	1	750
Over 52	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	1186	274	59	8	2	1529