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Mr Alan Kelly TD,
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Re: PQ Ref 3834/21.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. We have examined the documents presented and can comment as follows:

1. The main Audiology base for both County Sligo and County Leitrim is in Nazareth House in Sligo town.   Datametrics for the service are calculated using the national audiology database, Auditdata, which was rolled out in CHO 1 in 2019. Auditdata report templates are in final stages of development to fit HSE Primary Care metric requirements.

2. The Community Audiology service runs outreach clinics in Drumshambo on a weekly basis pre pandemic (more recently twice per month) and in Manorhamilton once every 1-2 months. Only adult reviews and adult hearing aid fittings are offered in the outreach clinics with all paediatric referrals being seen by the services in Nazareth House.

3. Waiting list figures for Counties Sligo and Leitrim are collated together and the service does not keep separate figures for County Leitrim on the database. Therefore the figures are as follows:

    3.1   The combined figures for adults for both Sligo and Leitrim is 221 and for children it is 90.
    3.2   There are 90 adults and 27 children from Leitrim waiting for initial appointment.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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