

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011**

**Question**

Following the reduction in Physiotherapy staffing (-3.5 staff) in CSR 1, what evidence, if any, does the Minister have on waiting lists, waiting times, length of treatment and treatments available to indicate that there has been no deterioration in Physiotherapy service standards?

**Answer**

In February 2011 three physiotherapy staff took voluntary redundancy under the States wide scheme. Physiotherapy services were reconfigured in order to accommodate the redundancies whilst avoiding any impact on front line services.

Waiting times are monitored by the Superintendent Physiotherapist on a monthly basis and during the first 4 months of the year there have been no significant changes with the exception of:

- Urotherapy - waiting times have increased from 7 in January 2011 to 15 weeks in April 2011 as a direct result of staff sickness. Urotherapy is a specialist service and would, in the event of prolonged staff illness, have been subject to delays regardless of staff redundancies.
- GP access – waiting times for clients referred directly by GPs have increased from 1 to 5 weeks in the first 4 months of 2011. This is a result of a significant increase in referrals (up 29%) creating delays not as a result of CSR cuts. Similar patterns of delay are created whenever there is a increase in referrals.

All fluctuations are negligible and are within normal patterns of change of service demand. In addition the length of treatment session and ratio of new patients to follow up out-patients has remained similar to last year.