

Over 15,000 waiting for

Waiting list for assessment for speech and language therapy grew 20 per cent in 2015

Kildare-West Wicklow had highest number with 1,829 waiting up to 18 months

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More than 15,000 were waiting for a speech and language therapy assessment at the end of last year, according to figures obtained by *The Irish Times*.

It represents a 20 per cent increase in the waiting list during 2015.

The data, released under the Freedom of Information Acts, also show the longest waits are in the poorer parts of Dublin and the commuter belt, with the shortest in sparsely populated rural areas and wealthier parts of Dublin.

The figures are broken down by community health area, month and length of time waiting, with the two years being

the longest waiting time recorded.

Kildare-West Wicklow had the highest numbers at the end of last year with 1,829 waiting up to 18 months.

Dublin North had 1,220 people waiting up to 18 months, Dublin North West had 862 waiting up to two years, and in Meath 723 were waiting up to 18 months.

The areas with fewest waiting, and the shortest wait times were Sligo-Leitrim with 83 waiting up to four months in December 2015, followed by Roscommon with 90 waiting up to four months. West Cork had 98 waiting up to eight months, and Dublin South East with 113 waiting up to four months.

Also in the Dublin area,

Dún Laoghaire has 153 people at the end of last year waiting up to eight months for an assessment.

In total, at the end of last year some 15,217 were waiting for a speech and language assessment, up 20.3 per cent on the 12,650 waiting at the start of 2015.

In January last year a total of 9,128 had been waiting for up to four months, of who 684 were in Kildare-West Wicklow, 634 were in Galway, and 600 in Dublin North.

In contrast there were 80 waiting up to four months in Sligo-Leitrim, 90 in Roscommon, 93 in West Cork, 113 in Dublin South East and 131 in Dún Laoghaire.

Eight months

Nationally there were 3,021 waiting four to eight months; 1,166 eight to 12 months; 346 waiting 12 to 18 months and 90 were waiting between 18 months and two years for an initial speech and language assessment.

Broken down by area, some had no one waiting longer than four months by December 2015. These were Dublin South East, Roscommon, Sligo-Leitrim and Donegal.

In contrast, Kildare-West Wicklow had 499 people waiting between four and eight months, Dublin North had 493, Dublin North West had 318, and 247 in Wexford.

Kildare-West Wicklow again had the most people waiting for between eight and 12 months by December (531), followed by Dublin West (145), Dublin North West (129) and Dublin North (127).

Eleven areas had no one waiting this long, including Dún

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PROPOSED B.I.D (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) SCHEME

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS) ACT 2006.

A proposal to establish a Business Improvement District (B.I.D) and to approve the implementation of a B.I.D scheme has been received from the Sandyford Business District Association Company Ltd (SBDA) in respect of the Sandyford Business District Area.

The purpose of establishing a Business Improvement District is to enable ratepayers within the boundaries of the proposed B.I.D to draw up a scheme of projects, services and works which are additional to those provided by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and will be carried out for the benefit of the Sandyford Business District B.I.D area.

If the Local Authority approves the proposal, having first conducted a plebiscite of local ratepayers, the B.I.D scheme will last for five years and be financed by an annual B.I.D contribution levy imposed on and collected from ratepayers of rateable property within the proposed



Business Improvement District

The key objective of the Sandyford Business Improvement District Scheme is to develop and implement a series of new and additional initiatives that are designed to both further promote and improve the Sandyford Business District area. The vision of the B.I.D proponents is to establish Sandyford Business District as a world class destination in which to work and reside, a vibrant community of businesses and residents with a unique identity, a place where living, working, shopping and spending leisure time is attractive, easy and positive. The Sandyford Business Improvement District (SBID) aims to develop a strong community among businesses and residents by creating a clear sense of identity and place.

The following table, while not exhaustive, indicates the roads & buildings that come within the Sandyford Business Improvement District (B.I.D) proposal:

Roads	Arena Road; Arkle Road; Ballymoss Road; Beacon Court; Beacon South Quarter; Benildus Avenue; Blackthorn Avenue; Blackthorn Drive; Blackthorn Road; Bracken Road; Burton Hall Road; Burton Hall Road Extension; Carmanhall Road; Corrig Road; Furze Road; Heather Road; Ravens Rock Road; Three Rock Road; Podium Road; Birch Avenue; Holly Avenue; Maple Avenue; Rowan Avenue; Spruce Avenue
Buildings	Sandyford Business Park: Beacon Hospital; Beacon Hotel; Sandyford Office Park; Sandyford Business Centre; Leopardstown Office Park; Sandyford Park; Burton Hall Park; Burton Court
	Central Park: Block B; Block C, Leaseplan House; Block D; Block E, Mountain View House; Block P; Central Park One; Clayton Hotel (formerly Bewleys); Giraffe Childcare
	Stillorgan Business Park: St. Olaf's Sports Club
	South County Business Park: Cairn House (Fonua); DCC House; Fannin House; ICON Building; Infinity House; Maple House; Marketing Institute of Ireland; Media House; Microsoft; MSD; Pelham House; Phillips House; Red Oak North; Red Oak South; SoftCo; Softex; SSE Electricity; TrIntech Building; Whelan House; Westwood Club Ltd; The Leopardstown Club Ltd

The B.I.D proposal and map of the area may be inspected and/or purchased (price €5) at the Information Desk, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and at the Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park, Main Street, Dundrum at any time while the offices are open for the transaction of official business (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays). The B.I.D proposal is also available on www.dlrcoco.ie

Submissions in relation to the proposed B.I.D Scheme must be received by the 7th of June, 2016 and may be made using one of the following methods:

- (1) Online through the Council's consultation hub at www.dlrcoco.ie
- (2) By E Mail to sandyfordbid@dlrcoco.ie
- (3) By post to the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate, Communication & Governance Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co Dublin,

Signed: Helena Cunningham,
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Dated: 3rd May, 2016

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A hundred years to the day that 1916 rebel leaders were court-martialled at Richmond Barracks in Dublin, their relatives attended the reopening of the site as a tourist attraction.

The barracks in Inchicore has been designated one of the nine so-called permanent reminders of the Rising and has been redeveloped by Dublin City Council as part of the Ireland 2016 centenary programme.

It will open next month as an interactive multimedia centre which will trace the story of the

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A home-help nurse who was caught on a hidden camera stealing money from a 97-year-old, wheelchair-bound patient has been struck off by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.

The board's decision to cancel the registration of Edel Maria Fitzgerald was confirmed earlier this month by the High Court. Ms Fitzgerald was found guilty of professional miscon-

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