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**PQ 29351/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO9 awaiting a primary care psychology appointment as of 1 July 2019; the length of time they have been waiting and; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Thomas P. Broughan**

Dear Deputy Broughan,

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 Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and have provided the information requested below.

	No. of persons waiting	Dependent on Referral	
		Shortest Wait	Longest Wait
<b>Adult</b>	375	3 months	12 months
<b>Child</b>	1561	8 Months	29 months

Please note these figures are correct as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 as the figures for 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019 were not available at time of collation. The figures provided combine the waiting list for first appointment and first treatment as this is how information is collated throughout CHO Dublin North City & County (DNCC). It should also be noted that waiting times can vary throughout the DNCC area.

CHO DNCC apologise for the long waiting period and are working hard to reduce this. A twice monthly psychology advice clinic and stress control lecture series is available throughout the year to those on the waiting list. A signpost facility for self-help and community resources can also be accessed promptly. Thirteen assistant psychologists have also been employed to provide low intensity interventions and assist in reducing waiting times for child & adolescent psychology services.

Please note that there is no adult primary care psychology service currently in North Dublin.

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,

**Michelle Forde**  
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