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Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ Number: 34091/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists designated in a full-time capacity to the Carrigaline primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard.

PQ Number: 34098/19

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a psychiatrist at the Carrigaline primary care centre by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively

PQ Number: 34105/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists designated in a full-time capacity to the Blackrock primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard

PQ Number: 34112/19

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a psychiatrist at the Blackrock primary care centre by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively

PQ Number: 34119/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists designated in a full-time capacity to the Ballyphehane Togher area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard

PQ Number: 34126/19

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a psychiatrist in the Ballyphehane Togher area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively

PQ Number: 34133/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists designated in a full-time capacity to the Bishopstown Wilton area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard.

PQ Number: 34140/19

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a psychiatrist in the Bishopstown Wilton area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively

PQ Number: 34147/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists designated in a full-time capacity to the Douglas area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard.

PQ Number: 34154/19

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by a psychiatrist in the Douglas area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above extensive list of Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Firstly, I wish to outline that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data collected within our service is not collected by Primary Care Centre but is collected by sector based team. With this in mind, you might note that the information you have requested is not available in the format requested however I have provided the wait list data appropriate to these sector based teams.

Mental Health Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare aim to promote and protect the mental health of the population and to provide effective services to those who need them. Our services have a strong focus on recovery and co-production and have consistently sought to develop and enhance community based services and reduce, where appropriate, those treated in more acute services.

Adult Mental Health Services

Services for Adults are provided through General Adult Community Mental Health Teams. In June 2019 a total of 428 referrals were accepted by General Adult Mental Health Community Based Teams in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare. Of this, 416 (97%) were offered a first appointment within 3 months. A total of 60 referrals were accepted by the Psychiatry of Later Life Teams in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, of this, 53 (88%) were offered a first appointment within 3 months.

For the purpose of your query, the South Lee Adult Mental Health Services comprise of the following sector based teams, Bandon / Kinsale, Ballincollig / Bishopstown, Douglas / Carrigaline, City South West – Togher, and City South East – Blackrock.

Adult Mental Health Services Sector Based Teams	Designated wte Psychiatrists	Further Recruitment / Locums	Wait List
Ballyphehane / Togher	1wte in a full time capacity	There is not a requirement at present to recruit further.	There are currently no service users on the wait list for an appointment with a psychiatrist.. In June, the average waiting time for a psychiatry appointment with this team was within 5 weeks of referral.
City South East – Blackrock	1wte full time Consultant Psychiatrist	It is planned to permanently recruit a Consultant Psychiatrist to this post in the future.	There are currently no service users on the wait list for an appointment with a psychiatrist. The average waiting time for a psychiatry appointment with this team is within 3 months of referral.
Ballincollig / Bishopstown	1.73WTE	There is not a requirement at	There are currently no service users on the wait list for an



		present to recruit further.	appointment. Currently the average waiting time for a psychiatry appointment with this team is within 8 weeks.
Douglas Carrigaline /	1 wte in a full time capacity. 0.6wte in a locum capacity.	There is not a requirement at present to recruit further.	There are currently 34 service users on the wait list for an appointment with a psychiatrist. Currently the average waiting time for a psychiatry appointment with this team is 6 months.

As with all teams, service users may, on a case by case basis, be prioritised and seen earlier if recommended by the treating Consultants or another team member or if risk factors are identified

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Teams are multi-disciplinary with Medical, Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy and Administration Staff. The CAMHS Consultant Psychiatrist provides clinical direction to the team in close partnership and with professional input from team colleagues, with the clear objective of delivering high quality care through the agreed Individual care plan (ICP).

The multidisciplinary nature of the team is designed to ensure that children and adolescents are offered care and treatment for moderate to severe, and often complex, mental illness that requires a range of disciplines, skills and perspectives. The model of care is holistic and is based on a recovery approach.

The assessment and intervention provided by the team is determined by the nature, severity and complexity of the presenting problem(s) in collaboration with the child/young person and their family. It is recognised that an ICP is an evolving document, reflective of the needs of the child/young person and the nature of the therapeutic process therefore the young person may be seen by different disciplines within the multidisciplinary team according to their needs at the time. As such, the teams do not record an internal waiting list to see a Consultant Psychiatrist with the team.

In relation to particular areas pertaining to your query;

- CAMHS South Lee 1 is based at Blackrock Primary Care Centre. The Douglas area falls under the catchment area of this team. There is 1wte Consultant Psychiatrist with this team.
- CAMHS South Lee 2 is based at City General Hospital. The Ballyphehane area falls under the catchment area of this team. There is 1wte Consultant Psychiatrist with this team.
- CAMHS South Lee 3 is based at Carrigaline Primary Care Centre. The Bishopstown / Wilton area falls under the catchment area of this team. There is 1wte Consultant Psychiatrist with this team.

As at June 2019, the total number of young people on the waiting list for access to CAMHS services within these teams was as follows:

	Total	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	> 12 months
South Lee 1 (Team A)	67	32	12	9	5	9
South Lee 2 (Team B)	19	15	4	0	0	0
South Lee 3 (Team C)	92	14	26	27	6	19

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to take a proactive approach with a focus on reducing CAMHS waiting times and identifying and establishing a plan to manage wait lists in each of our 10 sector based CAMHS teams across Cork and Kerry. We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure that better access to a safe and effective service is delivered.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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