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**PQ21816/19 Re: Waiting times for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Co. Kildare.**

Dear Deputy Lawless,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Prior to 2017 the Linn Dara CAMHS service operated 3 community teams across the Kildare area. Following a review of the 2016 census it was highlighted that the Kildare had a disproportionate growth in population in comparison to other regions. The Linn Dara CAMHS service developed a fourth community team in early 2018 to address the emerging demographic need.

The service also operates a 24 bed regional Approved Centre for Children and Adolescents who require a higher level of support from time to time. This inpatient service also covers the Kildare catchment area.

The Linn Dara service has developed a MHID (Mental Health Intellectual Disability) and Community Eating Disorder Service for the Kildare area over the past 12 months. .

It is the intention of the service to develop a mental health outpatient specialist care pathway hub in the Clane Primary Care Centre which will reduce the need for patients from the Kildare area to travel to Dublin for some treatments.

The Linn Dara Community teams screen all referrals daily, this is undertaken by the nominated CAMHS team member in consultation with the Clinical Lead. The CAMHS team will provide a timely response time to referrals received. Emergency and urgent referrals are responded to between 1-3 days. Currently in the Kildare area the average wait time for a routine appointment is between 3-6 months. The routine wait list may be delayed from time to time due to the high demand for emergency or urgent appointments.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you require further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Brady

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