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Deputy Frank O'Rourke Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of psychology services at primary care centres in north County Kildare; if there are vacant psychologist posts at such centres; the waiting lists for patients awaiting primary care psychology services in north County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Frank O'Rourke

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Principal Psychology Manager has advised there will be a vacancy in Kilcock for a Temporary Staff Grade Psychologist after 13th November 2019. Please see table below with waiting lists for patients awaiting Primary Care Psychology Services;

Number of children waiting to be seen by a Psychologist in North Kildare

	0-3 months	4-5 months	6 months +
Kilcock/Leixlip/Derrinturn/Maynooth	35	4	36
Celbridge/Clane/Kilmeague	24	11	1
Total:	59	15	37

Number of adults waiting to be seen by a Psychologist in North Kildare

	0-3 months	4-5 months	6 months +
Kilcock/Leixlip/Derrinturn/Maynooth	12	1	5
Celbridge/Clane/Kilmeague	13	7	1
Total:	25	8	6

Note: Numbers include adults and children waiting to be seen for an initial consultation appointment in North Kildare.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Service

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