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Deputy Gerry Adams
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RE PQ ref 38370/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the National Counselling Service waiting list in County Louth; and the length of time they have been waiting.

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The HSE National Counselling Service (NCS) in Co. Louth is responsible for providing counselling to adults who have experienced childhood abuse through its Rian Counselling Service as well as Counselling in Primary Care (CIPC) to adults with a current GMS card.

Details of the number of clients currently on the waiting list for counselling with the NCS in Co. Louth with a breakdown for the number of months waiting is provided for both Rian and CIPC in the table below.

| NCS | Total No. Clients on Waiting List in Co Louth | Time Waiting | | | |
|------|---|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | | 0-3 Mths | 4-6 Mths | 7-12 Mths | 13-18 Mths |
| Rian | 64 | 11 | 24 | 25 | 4 |
| CIPC | 202 | 102 | 94 | 6 | 0 |

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
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