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**Deputy Pauline Tully, TD
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Leinster House
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RE: PQ 20165/20 "To ask the Minister for Health 1) the number of persons on the CAMHS waiting list in Counties Cavan and Monaghan; 2) the average waiting time; 3) the number waiting more than six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Tully

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. 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 the following outlines the position of the HSE, as of the 30th of June 2020.

1. There were a total of 30 service users on the CAMHS waiting list in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service catchment area.
2. Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service does not routinely calculate the average wait time and to retrieve it retrospectively would consume significant resources. The teams triage all referrals for clinical acuity and, as at the 30th June 2020, all urgent referrals/presentations had been seen within a day.
3. There is no service user waiting to be seen over six months in Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service catchment area.

During the COVID-19 protective measures implemented by the government from March 2020, the Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service CAMHS continued to provide ongoing support to active service users. These teams also provided a response to all urgent referrals made to CAMHS during this period and continue to do so.

The services provided by these teams are not at full capacity due to COVID-19 protective measures. However, these services are preparing a return to full capacity in line with the CHO1 MHS Business Continuity Plan and with the COVID-19 Work Place Return Strategy (June 2020)

If you have any further queries on this matter please let me know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Dykes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'D'.

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