

13th August 2020

Deputy Pat Buckley, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 20666/20:

“To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for adult mental health services in County Cork by individual team or service respectively in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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.

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.

Services for Adults are provided through General Adult Community Mental Health Teams. All teams are multidisciplinary with Medical, Nursing, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Psychology and Administration Staff. Teams are led by Consultants in Psychiatry.

All referrals received to Mental Health Services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. The following table provides an overview of referrals and referrals accepted by individual team for the month of June 2020:

Speciality	Referrals	Referrals accepted	Waiting list 30/06/2020
Bandon/Kinsale	18	18	0
Bishopstown/Ballincollig	24	19	0
City North East	32	32	0
City North West	21	21	0
City South East	20	16	0
City South West	24	18	0
Cobh Glenville	14	10	0
Douglas/Carrigaline	48	38	0

Fermoy	18	18	0
Kanturk	12	12	0
Mallow	9	9	0
Macroom Blarney	14	11	0
Midleton Youghal	27	21	0
West Cork	49	48	0
Cork - General Adult	330	291	0

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.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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