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Deputy Patricia Ryan  
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**PQ 20992/20:** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Kildare; the average waiting time; the number waiting more than 6 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” -Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan

I refer to the above parliamentary question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

There are 4 community CAMHS teams serving Kildare/West Wicklow. When a referral is received from the list of approved referral agents, it is screened by a member of the CAMHS team, in consultation with the Consultant Psychiatrist.

Referrals are screened daily during working hours. All new referrals are discussed at a weekly team meeting. When a referral has been screened, it is then categorised into:

- Emergency
- Urgent
- Routine
- Not appropriate for CAMHS

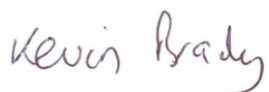
Community CAMHS teams will provide a timely response to all referrals received, dependent on their categorisation of emergency, urgent, routine or not appropriate for CAMHS.

The table sets out the current routine waiting list for each of the four teams.

<b>Time period</b>	<b>South Kildare/ West Wicklow</b>	<b>West Kildare</b>	<b>East Kildare/ West Wicklow</b>	<b>North Kildare</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 to 3 months	1	2	4		<b>7</b>
4 to 6 months	3		3		<b>6</b>
7 to 9 months	8		4		<b>12</b>
10 to 12 months	4				<b>4</b>
> 12 months	3				<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>

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

Yours sincerely



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**Kevin Brady**  
**Head of Mental Health**