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24th November 2020,
Deputy Kathleen Funchion
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ Number:35019/20

To ask the Minister for Health the wait time for a person seeking the services of the National Counselling Service by HSE area in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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.

The National Counselling Service for adults who have experienced childhood abuse provides counselling and psychotherapy across each HSE Community Health Area

Following referral to the NCS a client is offered an initial assessment appointment to establish if counselling is the most appropriate service to meet their needs. If the NCS is suitable clients are then placed on a waiting list for an ongoing counselling place. The waiting times for an initial assessment in each area are outlined in the Table 1 below.

Table 1: HSE NCS Waiting Time for Initial Assessment at 31.10.2020

HSE Area	Waiting Time to Initial Assessment			
	0-1 mth	2-3 mths	4-6 mths	Total No.
CHO1 Sligo/Leitrim, Donegal	2	0	0	2
CHO1 Cavan/Monaghan	3	0	0	3
CHO2	26	8	0	34
CHO3	12	13	8	33
CHO4	17	8	3	25
CHO5	8	26	12	46
CHO6	6	0	0	6
CHO7	0	0	0	0
CHO8 Midlands *	n/a	n/a	n/a	
CHO 8 Louth & Meath	0	0	0	0
CHO9	9	5	1	15
Total	83	60	24	164



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* CHO 8 Midlands clients are only seen for an initial assessment at the time that a counselling place is available. Where counselling is suitable clients proceed directly to ongoing counselling.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

Dr Sinead Reynolds
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