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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 23216/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons that were referred to youth and adolescent mental health services in counties Longford and Westmeath in 2018, 2019, and to date in 2020; the number of young persons seen by the service in the same period; the number of referrals that were not accepted by the service; and the number of referrals not accepted that were referred onwards to psychology or other pertinent services in the same period in tabular form.

-Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke

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 outline response as follows.

We have presented the available data in the table below and captured the relevant questions in each of the columns. The Young Adult Mental Health Service (YAMHS) covers both Longford and Westmeath as part of the same consultant clinic and therefore the information provided below is for the two counties combined.

YAMHS Longford / Westmeath 2018				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but did not attend	No. of referrals which were redirected to another service
197	853 apptmts	6	76	No data available
YAMHS Longford / Westmeath 2019				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but did not attend	No. of referrals which were redirected to another service/Back to GP
150	783 apptmts	54	51	No data available

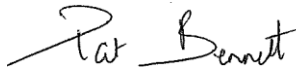
YAMHS Longford / Westmeath 2020 – year to date				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but did not attend	No. of referrals which were redirected to another service/Back to GP
98	810 *(693 telephone / video calls due to COVID 19)	26	3	No data available

In respect of the request for information with regard to *“the number of referrals that were not accepted by the service; and the number of referrals not accepted that were referred onwards to psychology or other pertinent services in the same period in tabular form”*, we do not maintain individual data on this, however in all cases where a referral is not accepted (because it does not meet the referral criteria), the GP of the service user is informed so that they can make an alternative appropriate referral if necessary.

If you require the data for Longford and Westmeath to be presented separately on a per county basis, this can be done but it will take more time, please advise if you wish for this information to be forwarded to you.

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

Yours sincerely,



Pat Bennett
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