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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 23217/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons referred to CAMHS in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, in counties Longford and Westmeath; the number that were seen by CAMHS in the same period; the number of referrals that were not seen by CAMHS in the same period; and the number of referrals not accepted by CAMHS that were referred onwards to community alcohol and drug service or other pertinent service 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 question in each of the columns. The CAMHS service in Longford Westmeath is arranged into two difference sectors, South Westmeath and North Westmeath and Longford, the information requested is outlined for these two sectors in the table below:

CAMHS South Westmeath 2018				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
261	1404	105	53	Data not available

CAMHS South Westmeath 2019				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
244	1509	111	61	Data not available

CAMHS South Westmeath 2020- year to date				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
150	2260	50	52	Data not available

CAMHS North Westmeath / Longford 2018				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
252	1847	81	71	Data not available

CAMHS North Westmeath / Longford 2019				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
277	2360	133	75	Data not available

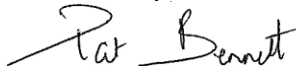
CAMHS North Westmeath / Longford 2020- year to date				
No. of referrals	No. of patients seen	No. of referrals not accepted	No. of referrals offered but not attended	Referrals redirected to another service
145	1787	55	73	Data not available

In respect of the request for information with regard to “referrals not accepted by CAMHS that were referred onwards to community alcohol and drug service or other pertinent service”, we do not maintain individual data on this, however in all cases where a referral is not accepted (because it does not meet the CAMHS 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 to be presented separately to North Westmeath, this can be done but it will take more time, please advise if you wish for this information to be forward 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,



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