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** To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in the HSE west, CHO2 area for child psychologists; the current situation regarding the filling of these vacancies; the number of children who are currently awaiting an appointment for a child psychologist in this district; the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. **

Dear Deputy Grealish,

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;

There are no vacant CAMHS psychology posts awaiting filling in CHW at the moment.

The number of children currently awaiting an appointment for a CAMHS psychologist in CHW is 60, with waiting times recorded as follows:

| CAMHS CMHT | Waiting Time | | | In Total |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| | <12wks | 12- 20wks | >20wks | |
| No of Children | 39 | 15 | 6 | 60 |

Please note that per National CAMHS Standard Operating Procedures appointments are planned to be scheduled within 12 weeks.



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

Yours sincerely,

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