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Deputy Holly Cairns,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult persons currently on waiting lists to see a psychiatrist in each of the HSE regions in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

Firstly, I wish to outline that the Key Performance (KPI) data collected within our service is on a sector basis rather than by region. With this in mind, you might note that the information you have requested is not available in the format requested however I have provided the wait list data appropriate to these sector based teams

All referrals received to Mental Health Services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. Table 1 below sets out the numbers waiting for an appointment to see a consultant in the General Adult Service as of December 22nd. Our KPI data indicated that approx. 93% of accepted referrals/re-referrals are offered a first appointment within 3 months; and approx.. 68% of accepted referrals/re-referrals are seen within three months.

Table 1

Adult Mental Health Services Sector Based Teams	No. on Waiting List for an appointment
North Cork - Mallow	0
North Cork - Fermoy	0
North Cork - Kanturk	0
North Lee - Cobh/Glenville	0
North Lee - Midleton / Youghal	23
North Lee - Macroom/Blarney	10
North Lee – City North West	1
North Lee – City North East	5
South Lee – Douglas/Carrigaline	11
South Lee – Ballincollig	9
South Lee - Bandon / Kinsale	6
South Lee – City South East	0
South Lee – City South West	0
West Cork	0



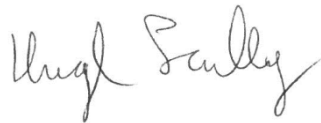
Table 2 below sets out the numbers waiting to see a Consultant on a specialist adult Service Team as of December 22nd

Specialist Adult Team	No. on Waiting List for an appointment
Psychiatry of Later Life	2
Mental Health of Intellectual Disability	7
Homeless Service	8

As with all teams, service users may, on a case by case basis, be prioritised and seen earlier if recommended by the treating Consultants or another team member or if risk factors are identified

I trust you find the above clarifies the query raised.

Yours sincerely,



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