

2nd March 2021

Deputy Pádraig O Sullivan
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref no. 10627/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists by age and gender in the Cork north lee area in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy O Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above extensive list of Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Firstly, I wish to outline that the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) data collected within our service is not collected by age and gender but is collected by sector based team. 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 across the North Lee Area.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. All referrals received to CAMHS services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. Referrals accepted are waitlisted in order of clinical priority and waitlists vary across each sector based community team. Routine referrals are waitlisted as is the standard procedure and urgent referrals are responded to within 7 days in line with national KPI's.

There are a total of ten sector based community mental health teams in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit.

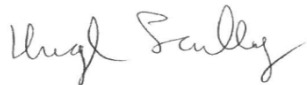
In relation to the teams pertaining to your query, please see below table which reflects the total number on the waiting list across these teams as at 31st January 2021 when compared with January 2020. As can be seen from the table below, there has been a 67% reduction in the total waiting list for these teams from 217 in January 2020 to 72 in January 2021. In addition, there has been a significant reduction of 81% to the > 12 month waiting lists across these teams from 73 in January 2020 to 14 in January 2021. This is attributed to one team who had experienced a consultant vacancy. Following a successful recruitment campaign this post was filled in a permanent capacity in October 2020.

	January 2020	January 2021
North Lee North	155	32
North Lee East	31	5
North Lee West	31	35

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to take a proactive approach with a focus on reducing CAMHS waiting times and identifying and establishing a plan to manage wait lists in each of our 10 sector based CAMHS teams across Cork and Kerry. We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure that better access to a safe and effective service is delivered.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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