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Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ - 5379/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting appointments under the National Counselling Service in County Meath; the waiting times for each service for CAPA, CIPC and counselling for former residents of mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 the position as follows.

NCS Response

Please see below details of the number of clients awaiting counselling with the NCS in Co Meath. This includes CIPC, the CaPA service for adults who have experienced childhood abuse and counselling for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes. Figures are up to date as at 8.2.2021.

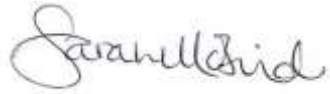
	Number of Clients Waiting For Initial Assessment				Number Of Clients Waiting By Choice				Number Of Clients Waiting For Ongoing Counselling			
	1 month or less	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	1 month or less	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +	1 month or less	2-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6 Mths +
CAPA	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	4	5	6	3
MBH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIPC	17	48	32	3	3	4	5	60	0	0	0	0

Please note:

Clients categorised as waiting by choice have been offered a service but have chosen to continue waiting. This includes clients who have been offered telehealth [counselling by phone or online video] but who have indicated they would prefer to wait for face to face counselling. These clients are contacted regularly. There is no waiting time for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes. All clients referred to date have been allocated to counselling.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah McBride".

Sarah McBride
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Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation