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Mr. Peadar Tóibín T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question - 9093/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting appointments under the National Counselling Service in County Monaghan; 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 recently submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Please see below details of the number of clients awaiting counselling with the National Counselling Service in Co Monaghan. 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 08.02.2021.

	Number of Clients Waiting For Initial Assessment				Number Of Clients Waiting By Choice				Number Of Clients Waiting For Ongoing Counselling			
	0-1 Mth	2-3 Mths	4-6 Mths	6 Mths +	0-1 Mth	2-3 Mths	4-6 Mths	6 Mths +	0-1 Mth	2-3 Mths	4-6 Mths	6 Mths +
Monaghan												
CaPA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
CIPC	1	8	12	0	2	1	0	10	0	0	0	0
MBH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

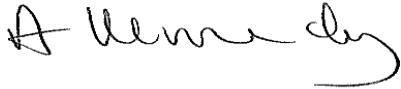
Face to face appointments are currently being offered on a limited basis on reasoned clinical judgments and where Tele-health options [counselling by phone or online video] are not appropriate. Face to face appointments are provided from locations which are fully compliant with all HSE COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures.

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 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. Any 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 black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kennedy', written in a cursive style.

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Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation