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Re: 9094/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting appointments under the National Counselling Service in County Donegal; 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.

Dear Deputy Tóibín

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following tables outlines the current waiting times for Counselling and Psychotherapy for Adults [CaPA], Counselling In Primary Care [CIPC] and former residents of the Mother and Baby homes which are provided by the National Counselling Service [NCS] in County Donegal up until 16th February 2021.

CaPA Service:

Donegal CAPA Service Waiting Times up to 16th February 2021					
	Less Than 30 days	Between 30 And 89 Days	Between 90 And 179 Days	180 Days Or More	Total Waiting
Waiting for Initial Assessment	0	0	0	0	0
Waiting by Choice	4	2	0	2	8
Waiting for Counselling	2	4	3	2	11

CIPC Service:

Donegal CIPC Service Waiting Times up to 16th February 2021					
	Less Than 30 days	Between 30 And 89 Days	Between 90 And 179 Days	180 Days Or More	Total Waiting
Waiting for Counselling	3	18	13	7	41
Waiting by Choice	11	12	13	32	68

Mother and Baby Homes Service:

Donegal Mother & Baby Home Service Waiting Times up to 16th February 2021					
	Less Than 30 days	Between 30 And 89 Days	Between 90 And 179 Days	180 Days Or More	Total Waiting
Waiting for Initial Assessment	0	0	0	0	0
Waiting by Choice	0	0	0	0	0
Waiting for Counselling	0	0	0	0	0

This operational response initiative is a very welcomed support service to the people affected by this stressful experience and NCS are fully committed to deliver counselling to this population.

If you have any further queries on this matter please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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