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**PQ 25034/21– To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in primary health care for a psychologist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Paul McAuliffe**

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

In the first instance I would like to apologise for the delay in responding due to the cyber-attack.

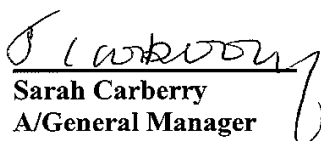
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The average wait time to see a Psychologist can range from 15 months to 48 months, with the majority of referrals seen in date order. Children in State care are prioritised for immediate service, while some referrals are prioritised for single session consultations.

At present, all clients on the waiting list have access to any of the eight psychology drop-in clinics run on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for immediate psychological consultation. The psychology service as a whole has been configured to a layered care approach and the workforce has been organised to maximise efficiency. Local and national efforts are underway to secure further resources to reduce waiting times.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
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