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Re: PQ-52458-21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adolescents in North County Dublin waiting for a CAMHS appointment at 1 October 2021 or the latest date available; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

In early 2021, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Waiting List Initiative identified the significant adverse impact that the COVID Pandemic had on waiting times for CAMHS service users in in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC). In certain instances, team waiting lists had grown to over 18 months.

The service committed to a Waiting List Initiative target of ensuring no service users would be waiting over a year by September 2021.

I am pleased to confirm that the CAMHS service in CHO DNCC met its waiting list initiative target of ensuring no service user is waiting over a year by September 2021.

Summarised below is the number of children and adolescents in North County Dublin waiting for a CAMHS appointment as at 27th October 2021:

Team	Wait Time	Total
Balbriggan CAMHS	0-3 months	12
	3-6 months	21
	6-9 months	17
	9-12 months	7
Total		57
Swords CAMHS	0-3 months	15
	3-6 months	26
	6-9 months	30
	9-12 months	11
Total		82
Overall Total		139

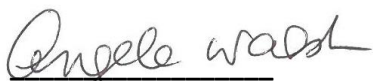
There are currently eight CAMHS teams providing service to 12 Community Health Networks in CHO DNCC. I am pleased to confirm that all teams remain under the 12 month threshold as at 5th November 2021.

CAMHS DNCC Team	Waiting Time April 21	Waiting Time (Early Nov 21)	Reduction
North Inner City	4 Months	1 Month	3 Months wait time
Ballymun	18 Months	8 Months	10 Months wait time
North East City	12 Months	6 Months	6 Months wait time
Darndale	19 Months	3 Months	16 Months wait time
Castleknock	12 Months	9 months	3 Months wait time
Blanchardstown	15 Months	12 Months	3 Months wait time
Balbriggan	15 Months	12 Months	3 Months wait time
Swords	15 Months	12 Months	3 months wait time
Total			47 Month Reduction

The next phase of the CAMHS Waiting List Initiative will involve all CAMHS teams reducing waiting times to not more than nine months for Q1 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,



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