



2nd December 2021

Deputy Sorca Clarke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 56713/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on school age team or the new equivalent on the psychology waiting lists that have been also referred to primary care psychology per county in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form.

- Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 56713/21) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please note that the requested information is not currently available. Our colleagues in Disability services have advised that in line with the Progressing Disability Services (PDS) model, resources assigned to children's disability services are being re-configured into Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs). A new integrated Management Information System for the CDNTs is currently being developed and until this system is up and running and rolled out to all CDNTs, we will not be in a position to provide this level of detail.

Please note that there is no available breakdown by referral source for referrals to Psychology in Primary Care. However, the following data is available in Primary Care Psychology which may be of use. As of October 2021, 10,717 psychology patient referrals were accepted. In 2020, 11,080 psychology patient referrals were accepted. In 2019, 14,973 patient referrals were accepted. In 2018, 13,461 psychology patient referrals were accepted.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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