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Deputy Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people on the CAMHS waiting list in Cork city for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to and over 24 months, respectively in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire

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 of Health for response.

CAMHS services are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. All referrals received to CAMHS services are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. Referrals accepted are wait listed in order of clinical priority and wait lists vary across each sector based community team. Routine Referrals are waitlisted as is the standard procedure and urgent referrals are responded to within 7 days in line with national KPI's.

There are a total of eight sector based community mental health teams in Cork, supported by Eist Linn, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Unit.

The below table shows the total number on the waiting list across these teams as at 30th September 2021.

Name of Team	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	>18 months	Total Wait List
South Lee 1	24	22	17	13	2	0	78
South Lee 2	12	13	8	1	0	0	34
South Lee 3	36	30	21	10	5	0	102
South Lee West Cork	7	2	7	4	1	0	21
North Lee East	10	1	0	0	0	0	11
North Lee West	31	8	11	5	0	0	18
North Cork	23	43	34	47	24	13	184
North Lee North	12	5	1	0	0	0	51
Total wait list by timeframe	155	124	99	80	32	13	503

Of the total young people waiting to access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Cork, 279 (55%) of these are waiting < 6 months, 179 (36%) are waiting 6-12 months and the remaining 45

(9%) are waiting > 1 year to access these services. As can be seen in the above table, the majority of those waiting > 12 months can be attributed to the North Cork CAMHS team.

Cork Community Healthcare continues to take a proactive approach with a focus on reducing CAMHS waiting times. We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure that better access to a safe and effective service is delivered

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind regards,



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