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Mental Health Psychology and Mental Health Psychiatry The annual funding for Mental Health, the numbers on Psychology waiting lists under 18s and over 18s and length of time waiting; the number of Psychology posts adult and U18 that are filled and unfilled; where filled the dates of filling; and where unfilled, the length of the vacancy; and the same questions applying to Psychiatry lists, posts, waiting times To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Kildare on waiting lists in each of the past five years, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy Réada Cronin

Dear Deputy Cronin,

I refer to the above parliamentary question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has asked that the HSE respond directly to you. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The budget for Kildare & West Wicklow Mental Health Services is:

Budget

Area	Sum of 2021 Budget €	Sum of 2020 Bud €	Sum of 2019 Bud €	Sum of 2018 Bud €	Sum of 2017 Bud €
Kildare	25,007,419	23,909,890	20,020,220	21,375,112	18,565,150
St. James's Tallaght	14,652,011 41,552,229	15,065,411 39,014,364	14,820,251 35,982,300	12,900,090 34,674,014	13,512,555 31,424,454
Grand Total	111,534,975	109,433,970	97,258,340	94,094,424	87,659,231

Psychology

Year	No. on Waiting List O18	Longest Wait Time O18	Filled Psychology Posts Adult	Vacant Psychology Posts Adult	Vacant Psychology Posts U18
2021	132	10	8.5	0	6
2020	103	8	8.5	0	4
2019	97	12	8	0	1
2018	114	9	7.5	0	0
2017	78	14	7.5	0	0

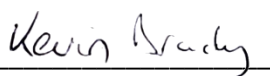
Psychiatry

Year	No. on Waiting list U18	Longest Wait Time U18	Filled Psychiatry Posts Adult	Filled Psychiatry Posts U18	Vacant Psychiatry Posts Adult	Vacant Psychiatry Posts U18
2021	54	6-9 months	12	14	0	0
2020	65	6-9 months	12	14	0	0
2019	62	6-9 months	12	14	0	0
2018	77	6-9 months	12	14	0	0
2017	105	6-9 months	11	14	0	0

****The Adult Mental Health Service in Kildare/West Wicklow do not maintain a waiting list. We operate a referral based system where by referrals are received, reviewed and an appointment issued for service users to be seen within 12 weeks. While this target has in the past been exceeded, this has been recorded on our KPI's which are reported centrally.***

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Brady,
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