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PQ Number: 49213/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for mental health services by CHO, county and age category; the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

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 waiting list for those waiting to be seen by Community CAMHS is as follows.

	Total	<= 12 weeks No.	> 12 <= 26 weeks No	>26 <=39 weeks No	>39 <=52 Weeks No	>52 Weeks No
National Total	2,948	1,318	787	390	258	195
CHO 1	294	175	60	27	27	5
CHO 2	79	49	30	0	0	0
CHO 3	364	104	92	40	48	80
CHO 4	583	160	152	121	97	53
CHO 5	246	115	74	41	10	6
CHO 6	441	305	98	24	5	9
CHO 7	270	164	61	26	10	9
CHO 8	396	152	116	57	39	32
CHO 9	275	94	104	54	22	1

Data on adult mental health services is captured nationally, however the Adult Mental Health services do not have a waiting list as such, as over 90% of New or Re-referred cases are offered an appointment within 12 weeks (National Service Plan Target is 90%) with the remainder offered shortly afterwards. Please be advised that due to the cyber-attack on HSE systems, the latest available data is September 2021, subject to validation, details of which I have included below.



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Community Adult Services

- 90.6% of referred patients were offered an appointment within 12 weeks in general adult mental health services up to September 2021 against the National Service Plan Target of 90%
- 96.5% of referred patients were offered an appointment within 12 weeks in Psychiatry of Old Age services up to September 2021 against the National Service Plan Target of 98%

In adult services, those who were not offered an appointment within the 12 week timeframe were offered one subsequently afterwards.

Data by age category is not captured nationally. Waiting lists for other services are managed locally and not captured nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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