



**21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**Deputy Marian Harkin  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2**

**RE: PQ 18197/22** - To ask the Minister for Health the number on waiting lists to access CAMHS in counties Sligo and Leitrim, respectively in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form; the waiting times involved to access these appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Harkin**

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the above. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Question, I have examined the matter and the following tables outline the position for Mental Health Service CHO1.

The HSE Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provide mental health services to Children up to the age of 18 years, who have moderate to severe mental health disorders that require the input of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (as per CAMHS Operational Guideline 2nd ed. June 2019)

The tables below reflects waiting time from years 2015 – 2021;

Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	0>3 Months	40	32	41	53	58	49	43	33	20	5	16	30
	3>6 Months	11	18	21	22	24	26	33	33	26	32	26	20
	6>9 Months	8	9	7	7	15	13	14	15	21	24	28	23
	9>12Months	4	1	5	6	7	5	5	8	9	12	12	23
	12 Months +	9	11	11	5	4	3	7	5	5	7	11	12
		<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>108</b>
Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	0>3 Months	68	75	75	70	67	61	50	53	48	45	54	38
	3>6 Months	4	13	31	44	50	51	49	51	45	45	41	40
	6>9 Months	29	23	17	5	13	29	41	46	43	47	46	42
	9>12Months	26	26	20	22	17	13	4	11	28	39	41	40
	12 Months +	20	24	33	38	34	46	55	59	57	57	68	80
		<b>147</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>240</b>

Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	0>3 Months	43	44	46	37	26	22	24	27	33	31	34	35
	3>6 Months	34	35	30	25	34	31	26	15	10	10	1	1
	6>9 Months	39	34	35	31	12	7	12	28	28	16	1	0
	9>12Months	32	33	28	30	27	32	17	8	6	14	2	0
	12 Months +	67	71	74	85	88	87	88	69	22	3	2	0
		215	217	213	208	187	179	167	147	99	74	40	36
Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	0>3 Months	30	31	38	49	51	47	38	35	46	65	62	71
	3>6 Months	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	3
	6>9 Months												
	9>12Months												
	12 Months +												
		32	34	40	49	52	48	39	38	48	66	64	74
Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	0>3 Months	77	80	72	56	43	54	39	37	46	54	58	60
	3>6 Months	10	10	18	27	30	32	30	22	27	21	25	26
	6>9 Months							8	14	9	15	11	21
	9>12Months												
	12 Months +												
		87	90	90	83	73	86	77	73	82	90	94	107
Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	0>3 Months	59	74	73	57	35	39	39	42	48	60	98	122
	3>6 Months	28	26	24	33	53	57	45	25	21	16	21	23
	6>9 Months	21	22	22	25	25	24	28	40	29	21	13	11
	9>12Months	2	5	12	12	15	19	25	25	22	20	21	19
	12 Months +				2	3	10	12	24	23	20	17	22
		110	127	131	129	131	149	149	156	143	137	170	197
Year	Waiting Time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021	0>3 Months	100	75	65	77	77	112	80	53	67	51	57	66
	3>6 Months	31	46	40	48	48	36	35	45	21	28	28	21
	6>9 Months	11	14	12	16	16	21	29	24	18	16	13	31
	9>12Months	18	13	11	11	11	4	11	16	17	4	5	3
	12 Months +	27	27	24	22	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		187	175	152	174	163	173	155	138	123	99	103	121

Sligo Leitrim CAMHS are members of the CHO1 CAMHS Service Improvement Programme and have also established their own local CAMHS Service Improvement Group. Service improvements have been achieved throughout 2021 with the overall waiting list for children and adolescents waiting for an initial assessment reducing significantly. Work is on-going in sustaining and improving service delivery and a CHO1 submission was submitted in December 2021 to the national CAMHS wait list initiative fund, to support the further reduction in waiting list numbers which resulted in 3 out of the 9 CHO's received approval to proceed with their proposals.

I am happy to confirm that the CHO1 proposal has been accepted, with approval granted for once-off funding in Sligo/Leitrim as follows:

### Early Intervention Youth Mental Health

- Senior Psychologist 1.0WTE
- Clinical Nurse Specialist 1.0WTE

### ADHD Waiting List

- CAMHS Registrar 1.0WTE
- Administration Support (Grade iv) 1.0WTE
- Clinical Nurse Specialist 1.0WTE

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

Yours sincerely



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