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Deputy Mark Ward
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Re: PQ 20689/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on dietician appointments; the average wait time for the eight community mental health teams under Linn Dara CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ward,

I refer to the PQ detailed above. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The dietetic service for CAMHS community teams see young people presenting with emerging eating disorders, those losing weight due to their mental health issues, medication issues and those gaining weight due to emotional eating or those presenting with nutritional deficiencies. There is currently one agency dietitian employed to support three CAMHS community teams (Lucan, Ballyfermot, and Clondalkin) and the ADHD team. The total number on the waiting list to be seen by a Dietician is currently 48 young people with an average wait time of 25 weeks.

The specialist community eating disorder team are part of the national clinical care programme. CAMHS have a full multi-disciplinary team in place including a dietitian. This team delivers specialist treatment for young people diagnosed with a moderate to severe eating disorders. There is no waiting time for patients to see a dietitian being treated by this team.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Brady, Head of Service Mental Health
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