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**Re: PQ ref 7111/22 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for mental health services in County Limerick; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

Dear Deputy O Donoghue,

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to waiting times for Mental Health Services in County Limerick.

All referrals are triaged at weekly multidisciplinary Team Meetings.

Crisis or urgent presentations are seen quickly - within a matter of days depending on the context.

Routine referrals are offered an appointment for regular New Patient Clinic and at present the wait list for this is around 6 weeks.

**The below table illustrates the waiting times for the 6 Community Mental Health Teams located in Limerick.** From the table below you can see that 18 people were waiting over 8 weeks for an appointment, this is due to the fact that a previous appointment was arranged within the 6 weeks but that the person did not attend that appointment and a further appointment was arranged which led to a longer waiting time.

Waiting Times (New / Re referrals)	Wait Times
Limerick (City & County)	<b>&lt; 1 week – 5</b> <b>1 week – 2 weeks - 3</b> <b>2 weeks – 3 weeks - 8</b> <b>3 weeks - 4 weeks - 2</b> <b>4 weeks – 8 weeks - 8</b> <b>8 weeks – 12 weeks - 8</b> <b>&gt;12 weeks - 10</b>

I trust this answers your queries, please feel free to contact me if you require further information.