

22nd February 2022

Deputy Holly Cairns, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2,

PQ ref 7414/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people on waiting lists for CAMHS services in CHO4 including the length of time in months each has been waiting.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are designed for children and adolescents presenting with moderate to severe mental health disorders. All referrals received to CAMHS are triaged in a timely manner and the referral is either accepted or rejected at that point. There are two types of referral; an urgent referral and a routine referral. Every effort is made to prioritise urgent referrals so that young people with high risk presentations are seen as soon as possible and this is often within 24 to 48 hours. This may impact on wait times for cases that are considered, by a clinician, to be less severe. Please see table below of each sector January 2022 waiting list breakdown as requested

	< 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	> 18 months
South Lee 1	14	30	28	10	7	2	1
South Lee 2	12	11	9	3	0	0	0
South Lee 3	53	39	20	23	11	0	0
West Cork	20	2	2	4	8	0	0
North Kerry	10	7	6	4	4	6	0
South Kerry	13	17	14	6	10	0	1
North Lee North	10	13	10	10	4	1	1
North Lee West	17	15	7	11	7	0	0
North Lee East	12	11	2	0	0	0	0
North Cork	25	30	20	27	30	20	4

Furthermore, I wish to assure you that all efforts continue to be made locally to address and reduce waiting list in CAMHS Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and we are committed to continuing these efforts to ensure that better access to a safe and effective service is delivered.

I trust this clarifies the query raised.

Kind Regards,



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