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Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 8226/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for primary care psychology services per CHO; the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and over 12 months, respectively in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 8226/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality Psychology services to all eligible service users. In 2021, there were 45,120 patients seen by HSE Primary Care Psychology Services.

The spread of COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas, including all Therapy Services. In light of these unprecedented challenges together with the Government's guidance on social distancing and on 'Cocooning' for those aged over 70, the HSE has had to reassess its operation of Community Services nationally, to ensure that the assessed needs of those clients with the highest priority are met.

Please find the attached appendices which contain, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for children in Primary Care Psychology in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022. This is the latest available data at this time. Please note where an individual LHO was unable to return the waiting list data for the month in question that is noted at the bottom of the waiting list table.

Appendix 1 - Psychology - Number of Patients aged under 18 years old waiting for treatment January 2022

Appendix 2 - Psychology - Number of Patients aged under 18 years old waiting for treatment December 2021

Appendix 3 - Psychology - Number of Patients aged under 18 years old waiting for treatment December 2020

Appendix 4 - Psychology - Number of Patients aged under 18 years old waiting for treatment December 2019

I trust this information is of assistance to you.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt
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